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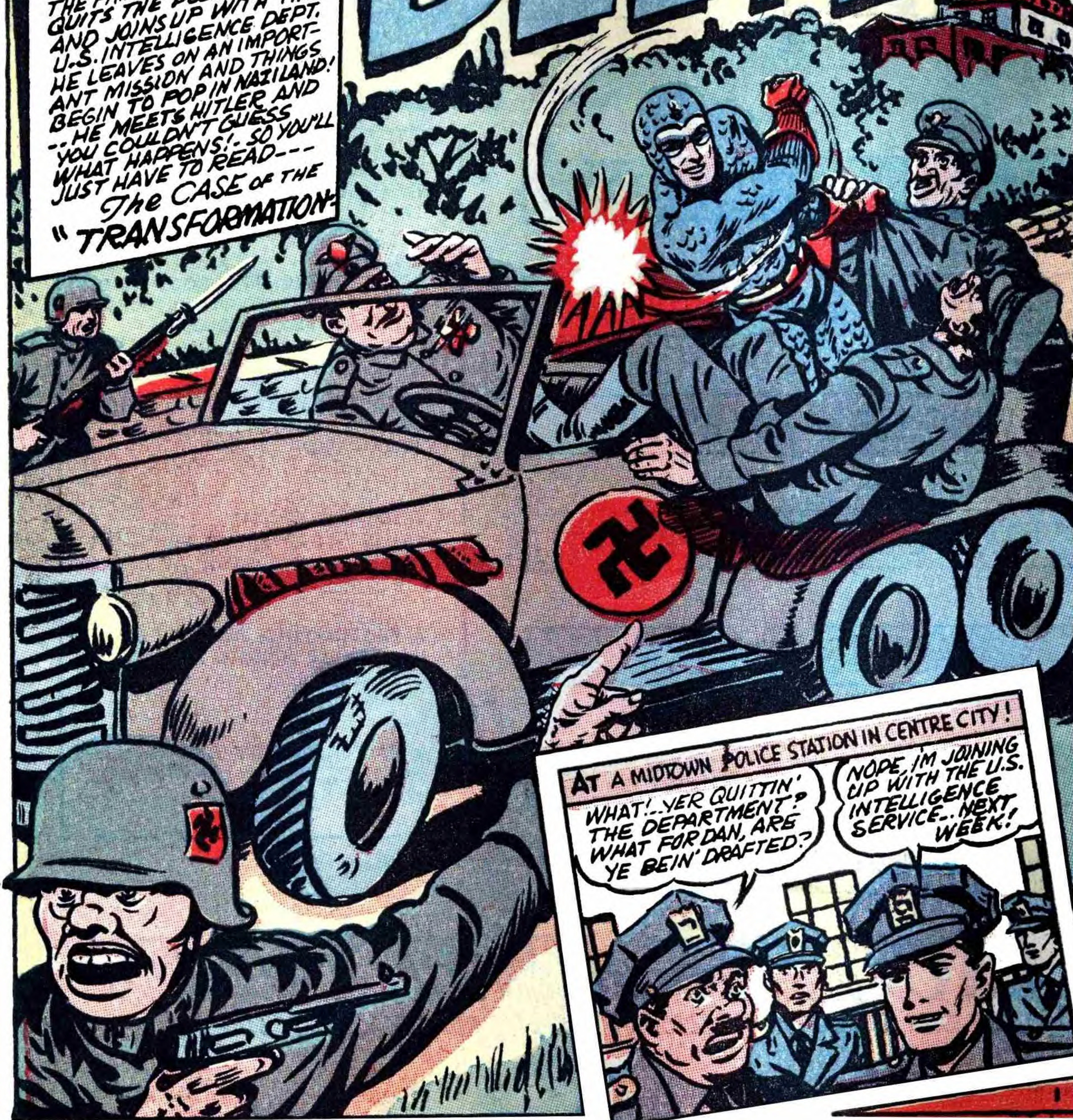
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POLICEMAN, WHO IS IN REALITY
THE FAMOUS 'BLUE BEETLE',
QUITS THE POLICE FORCE
AND JOINS UP WITH THE
U.S. INTELLIGENCE DEPT.
HE LEAVES ON AN IMPORT-
ANT MISSION AND THINGS
BEGIN TO POP IN NAZILAND!
-- HE MEETS HITLER AND
YOU COULDN'T GUESS
WHAT HAPPENS! -- SO YOU'LL
JUST HAVE TO READ ---
The CASE OF THE
"TRANSFORMATION"



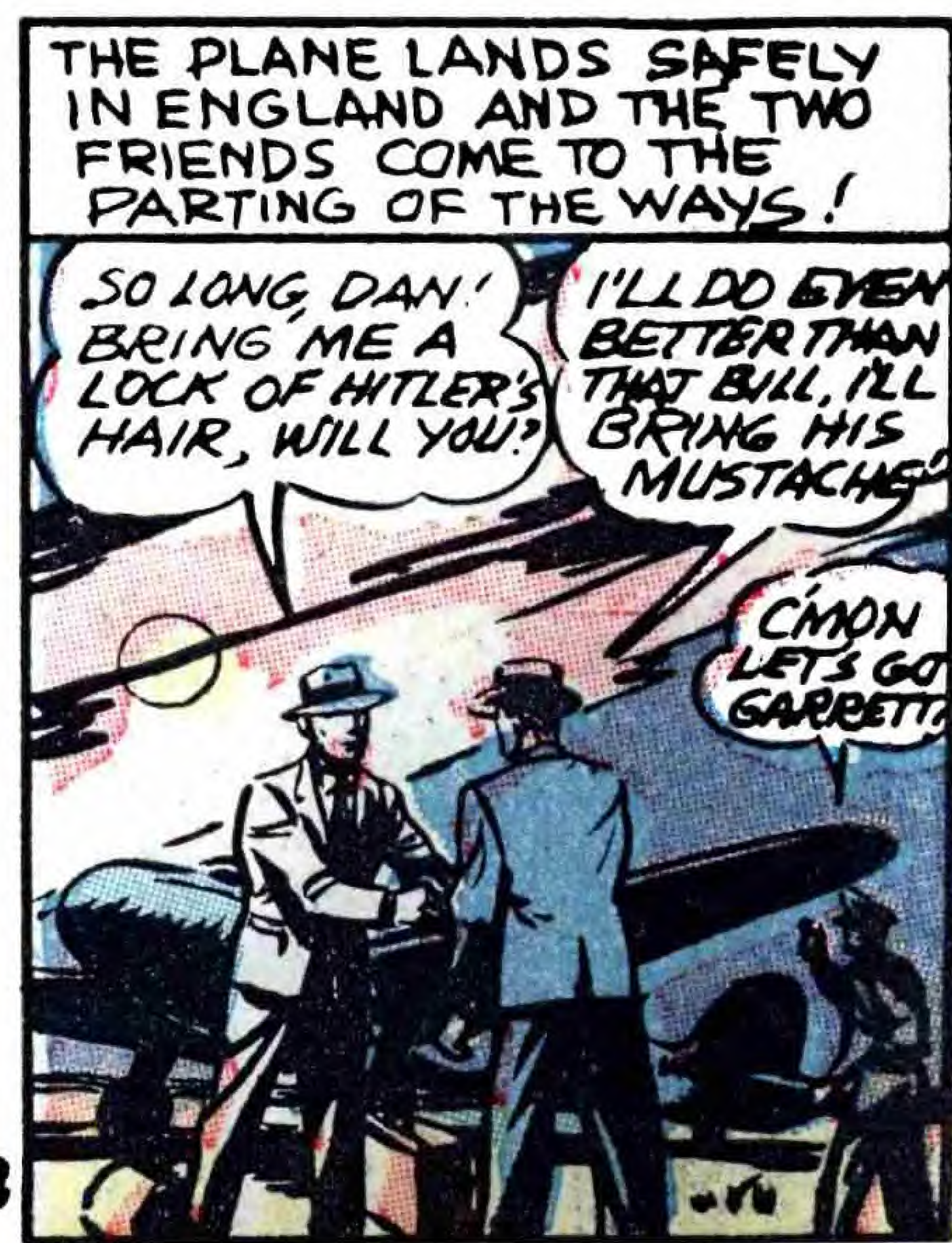
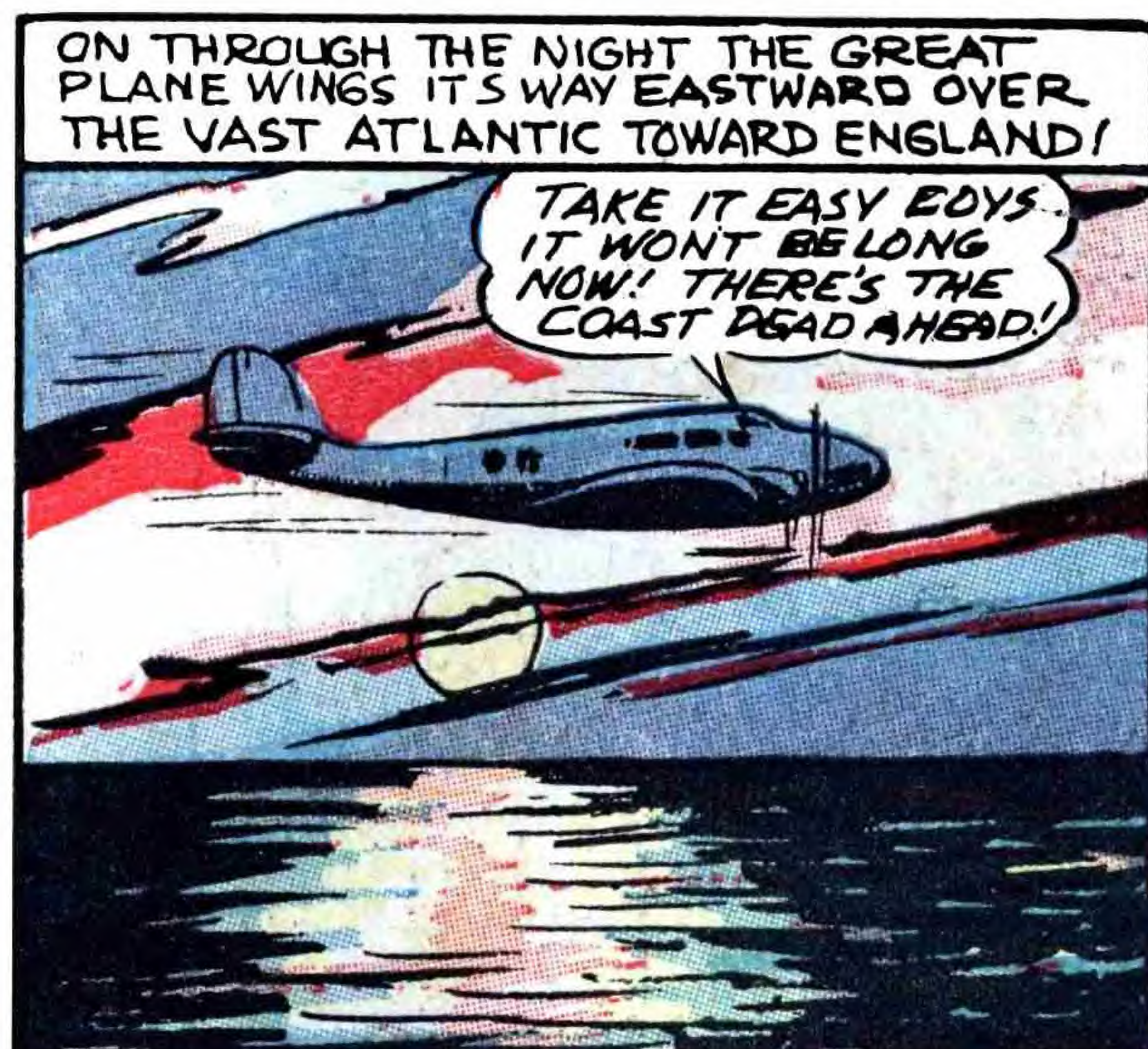
AT A MIDTOWN POLICE STATION IN CENTRE CITY!

WHAT!...YER QUITTIN'
THE DEPARTMENT?
WHAT FOR DAN, ARE
YE BEIN' DRAFTED?

NOPE I'M JOINING
UP WITH THE U.S.
INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE...NEXT
WEEK!







NOW WITH ONLY DAN GARRETT (THE BLUE BEETLE!) AS HIS PASSENGER--THE PILOT SETS HIS COURSE OUT OVER THE DANGEROUS ENGLISH CHANNEL!

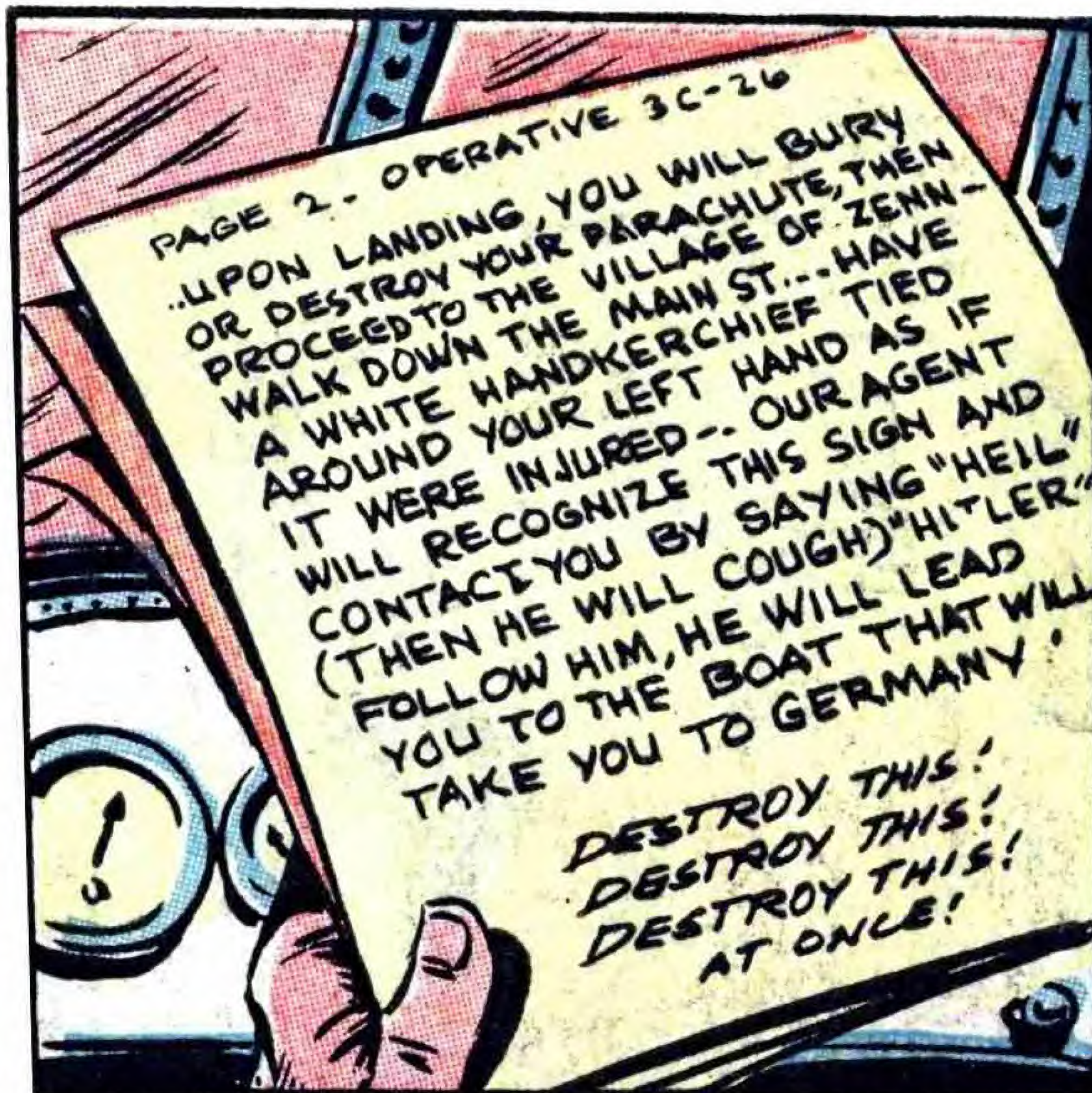
WELL, WE'RE CROSSING THE CHANNEL--NOW, I CAN TAKE A LOOK AT MY SEALED ORDERS!

GO TO IT BUDDY I'VE GOT TO KEEP MY EYES PEELED FOR NAZI PATROL PLANES--I'LL TELL YOU WHEN TO BAIL OUT!



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..UPON LANDING, YOU WILL BURY OR DESTROY YOUR PARACHUTE, THEN PROCEED TO THE VILLAGE OF ZENN--WALK DOWN THE MAIN ST.--HAVE A WHITE HANDKERCHIEF TIED AROUND YOUR LEFT HAND AS IF IT WERE INJURED--OUR AGENT WILL RECOGNIZE THIS SIGN AND CONTACT YOU BY SAYING "HEIL" (THEN HE WILL COUGH) "HITLER" FOLLOW HIM, HE WILL LEAD YOU TO THE BOAT THAT WILL TAKE YOU TO GERMANY.

DESTROY THIS!
DESTROY THIS!
DESTROY THIS!
AT ONCE!



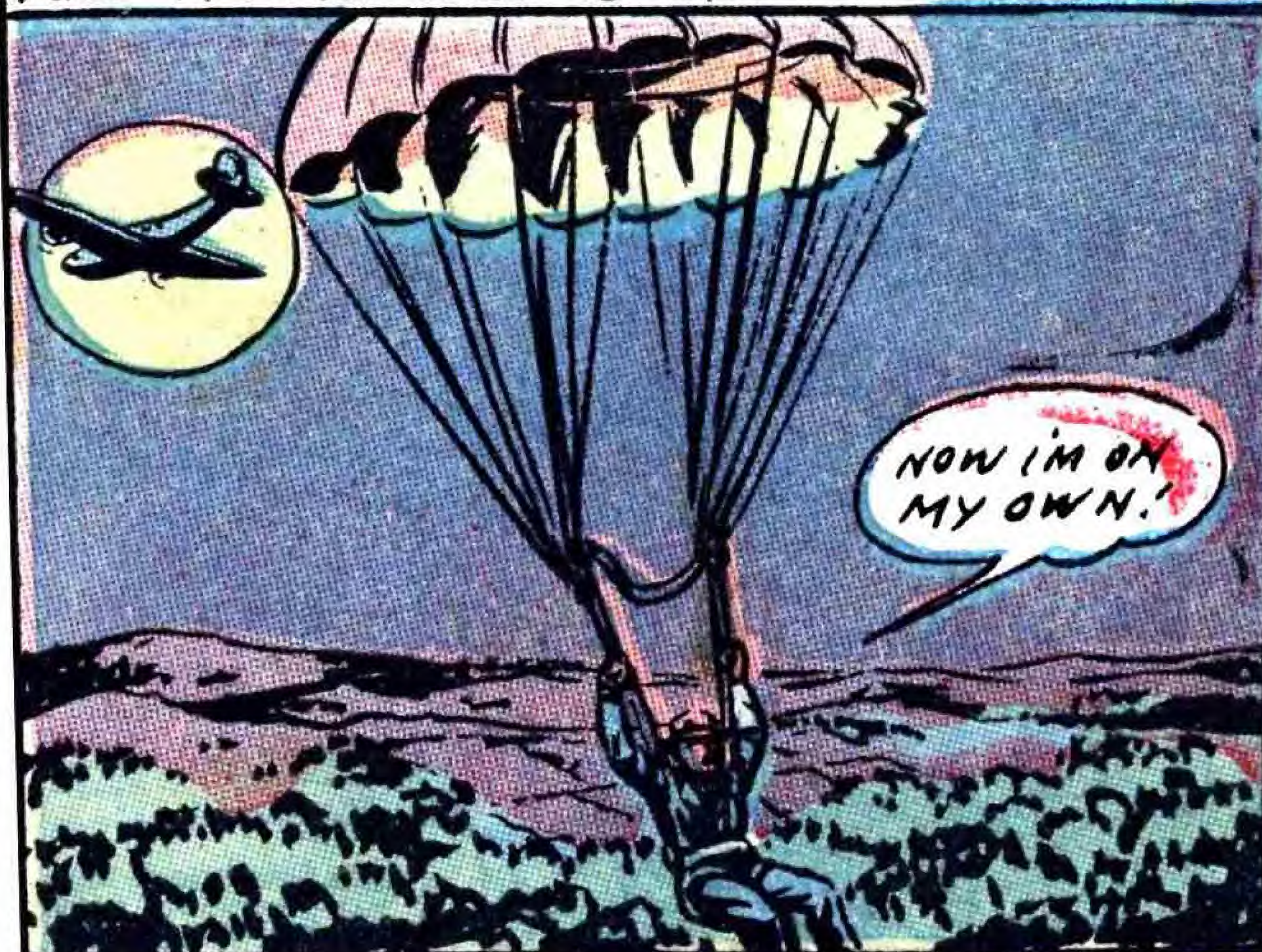
--AN HOUR AND A HALF LATER!

ALL RIGHT, GARRETT, WE'RE OVER THE VILLAGE, GET READY TO "HIT THE SILK" I'M GOING DOWN TO TWO THOUSAND FEET!

THIS IS MY FIRST CHUTE JUMP, I HOPE IT'S NOT TO BE MY LAST!



THE PILOT GIVES THE SIGNAL--- A MOMENT LATER DAN GARRETT LEAPS FROM THE PLANE AND PARACHUTES TO NAZI OCCUPIED GROUND



LANDING SAFELY HE QUICKLY CONCEALS THE CHUTE AND HEADS FOR THE VILLAGE!

-- ACCORDING TO MY COMPASS, I'M HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION! AH! THERE'S THE TOWN! NOW TO TIE THIS HANKY ON MY HAND!



--REACHING THE MAIN STREET HE STROLLS SLOWLY ALONG, WAITING EXPECTANTLY FOR THE SECRET WORD SIGNAL!

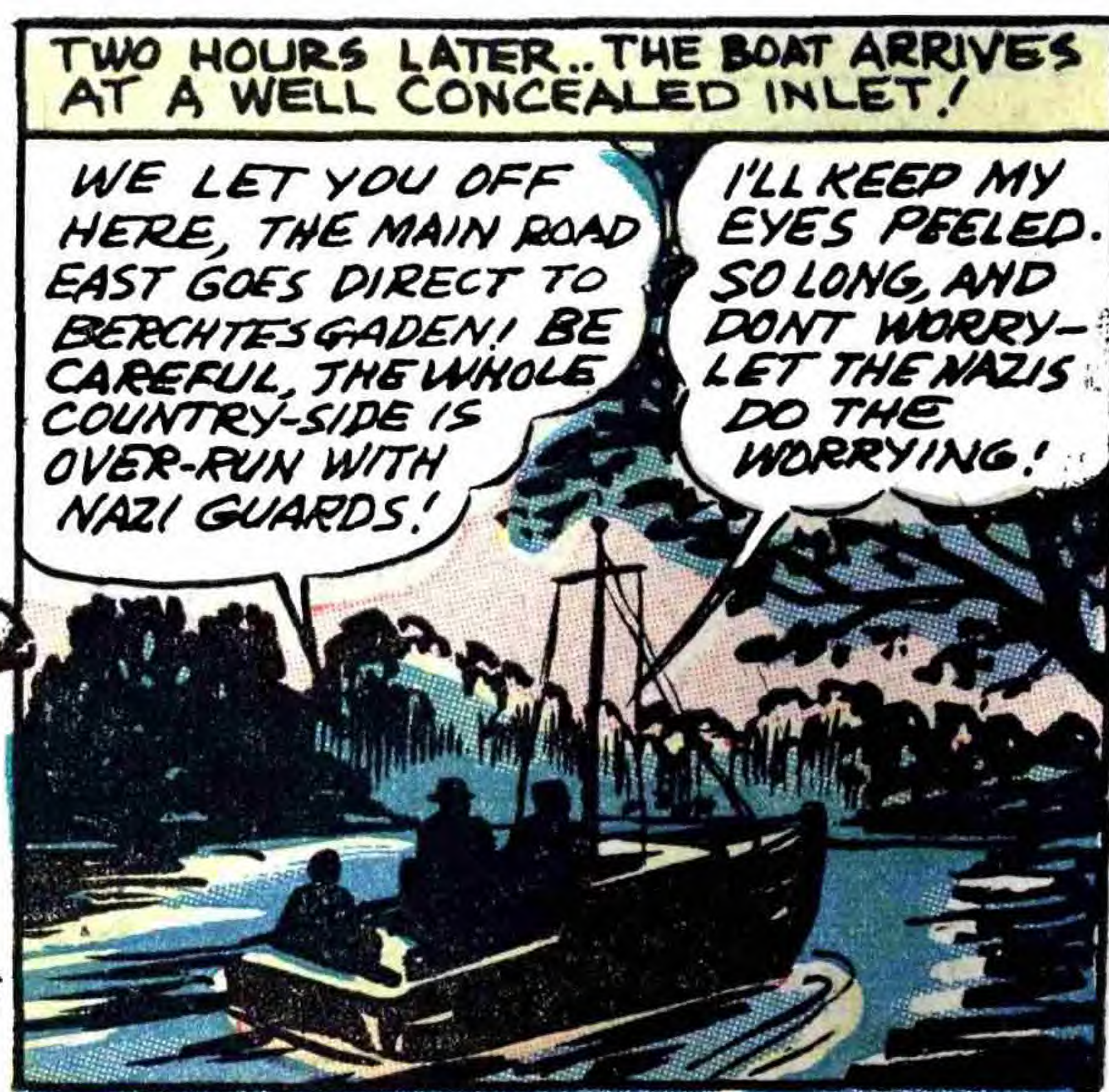
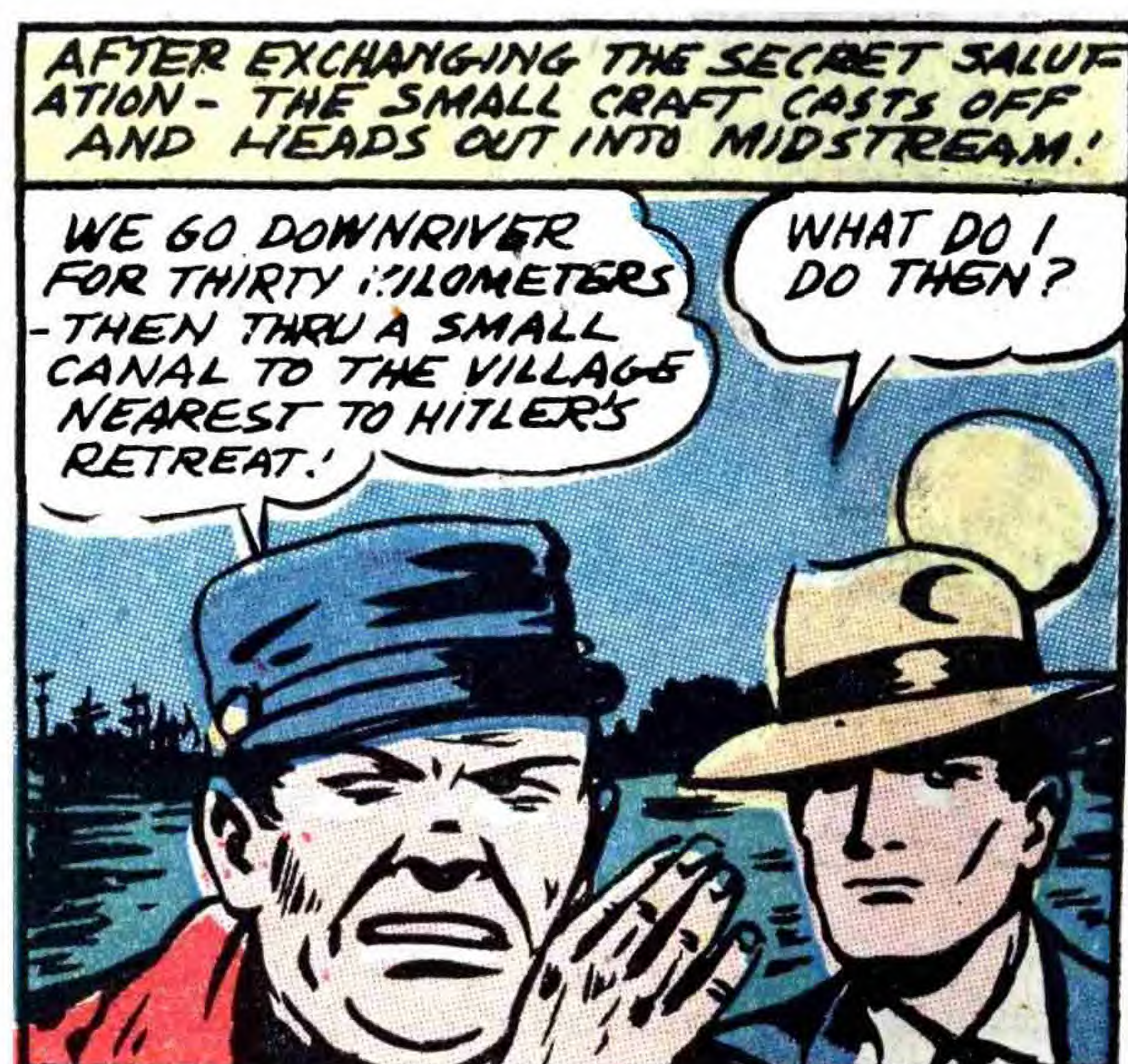
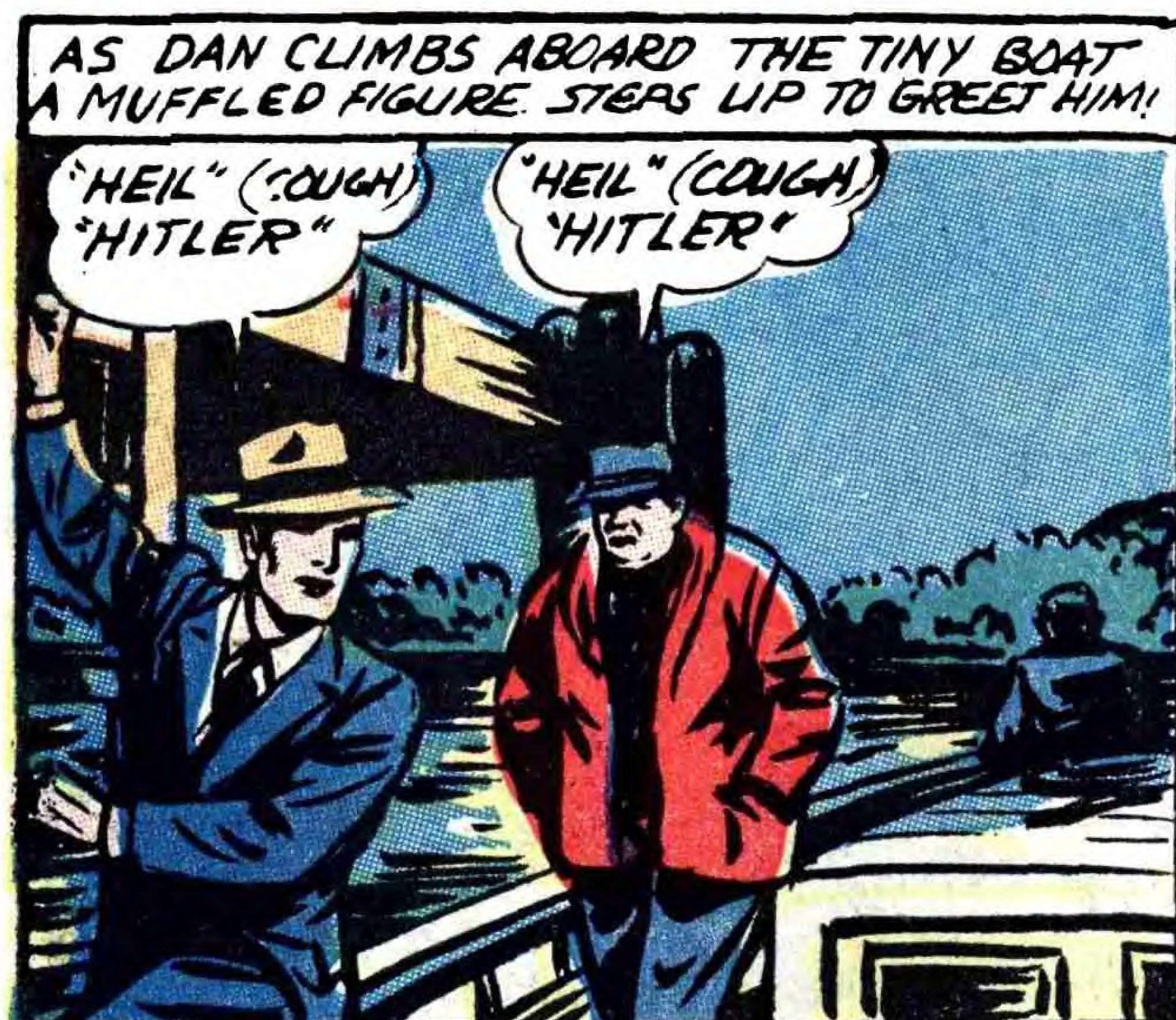
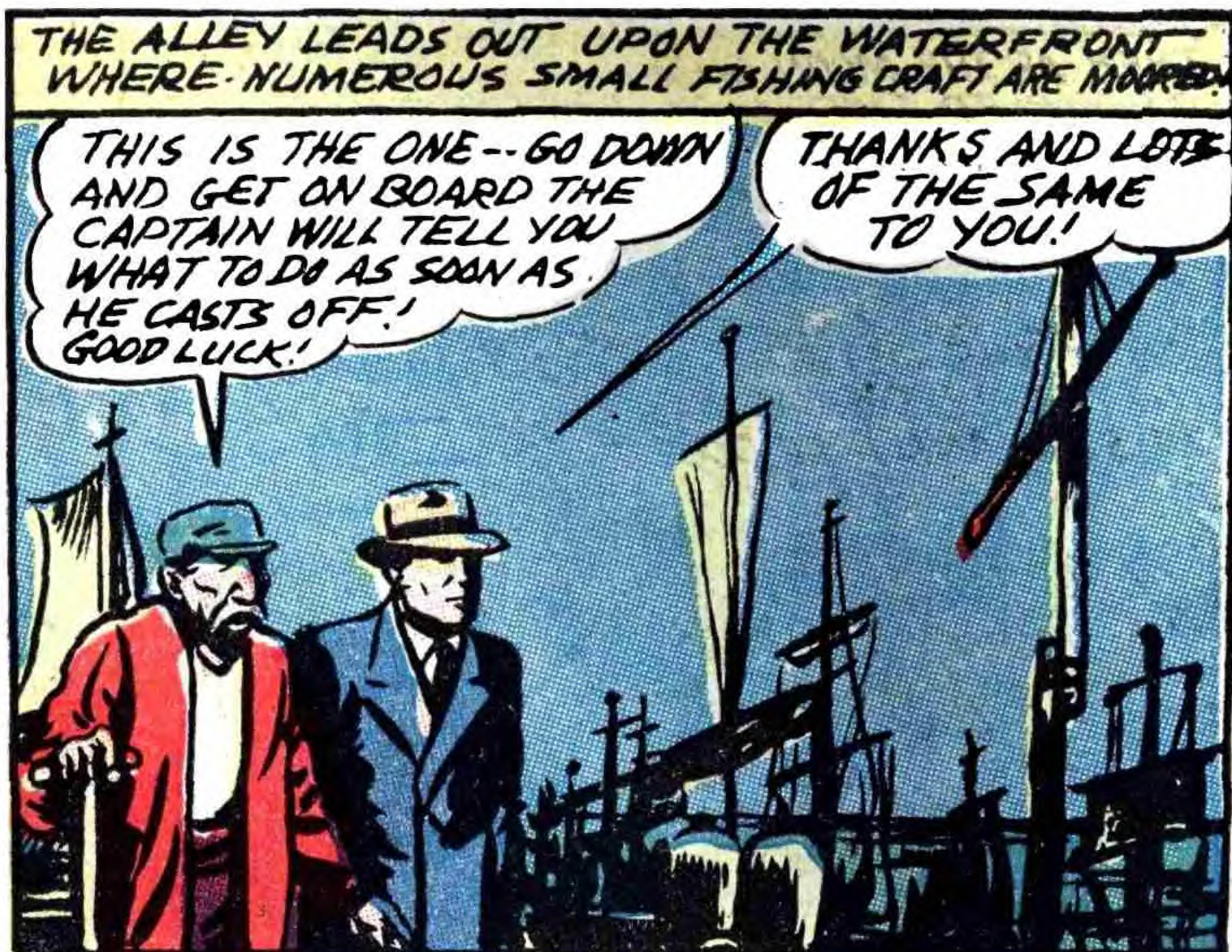
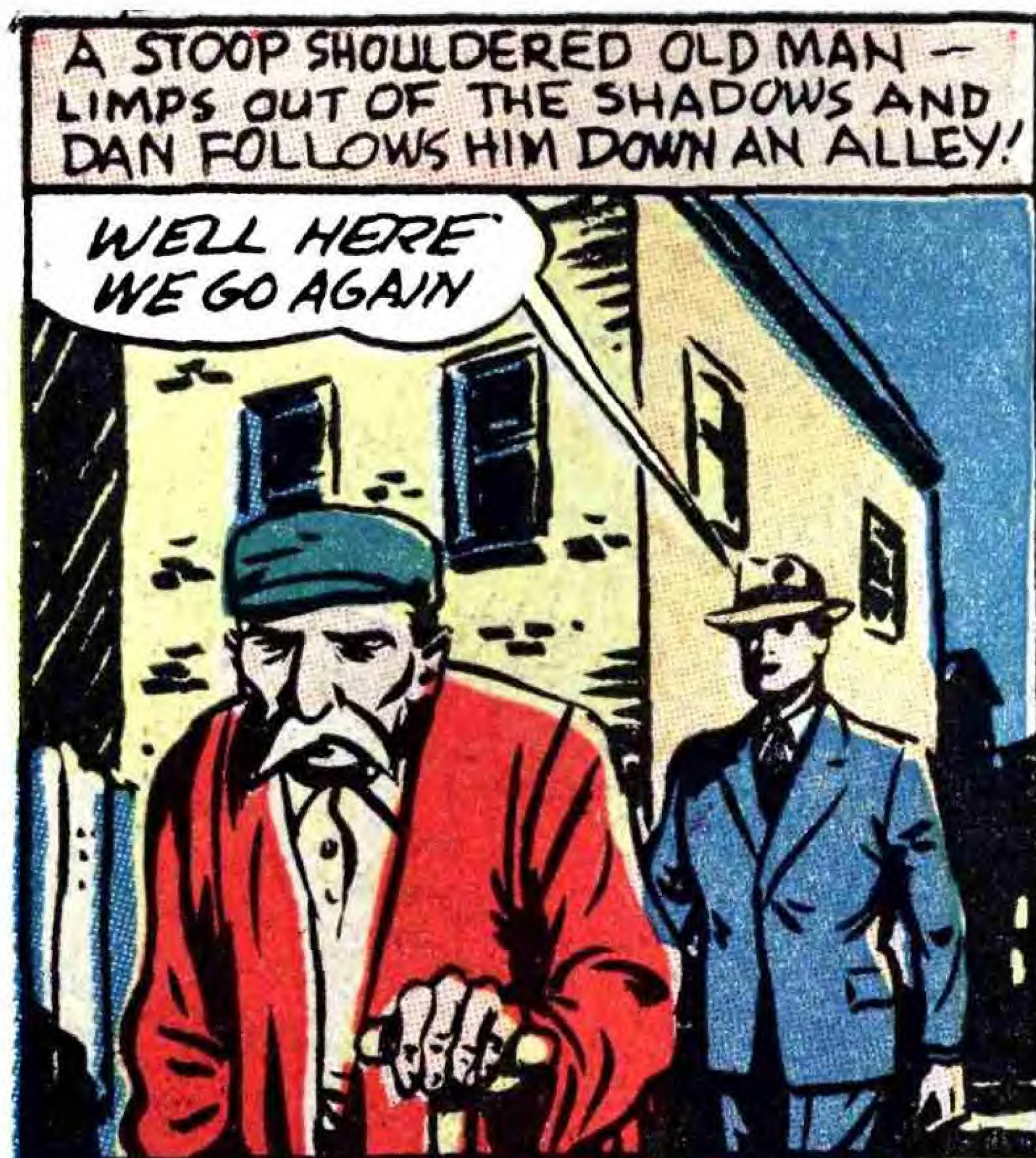
GOSH! I WISH THAT GUY WOULD HURRY UP AND SHOW HIMSELF!



..SUDDENLY FROM A DARKENED DOORWAY!

"HEIL" (COUGH)
"HITLER"





THEN AS THE MOON GLOWS HIGH IN THE TROUBLED SKIES, A SOLITARY FIGURE EMERGES CAUTIOUSLY FROM THE BUSHES AND STANDS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD!

AH JUST WHAT I WANT! A NAZI TRUCK WITH ONLY THE DRIVER IN IT! I'LL SIGNAL HIM TO STOP, AND IF HE DOES—
HEY! STOP!

ACH! VAST IST?

THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE ROAD HERE I THINK YOU OUGHT TO SEE!

VARE? VOT ISS IT? I DONT SEE NODDINGS!

NOW YOU DO, DON'T YOU?

QUICKLY CHANGING CLOTHES WITH THE UNCONSCIOUS NAZI—THE BLUE BEETLE PROCEEDS IN THE TRUCK TOWARD BERCHTESGADEN!

WELL ANYHOW, THIS SOLVES MY TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM!

A HALF HOUR LATER HE ENTERS THE HEAVILY GUARDED GROUNDS, UNMOLESTED!

THIS IS LIKE TAKING CANDY AWAY FROM A BABY! NOW IF MY LUCK HOLDS OUT!

STOPPING THE TRUCK IN A SECLUDED SPOT NEAR THE GREAT HOUSE, HE REMOVES THE NAZI UNIFORM—REVEALING THE BULLET-PROOF COSTUME OF THE BLUE BEETLE!

SO— HERR HITLER, PREPARE FOR THE GREATEST SHOCK OF YOUR WORTHLESS CAREER!

A QUICK LEAP UP ON A SILL, AND A SECOND LATER THE BLUE CLAD FIGURE IS INSIDE!

SO FAR, SO GOOD
NOW TO FIND THE
RIGHT ROOM!

AH! THIS LOOKS MORE
LIKE IT! OH-OH
SOMEONE'S
COMING! I'LL
DUCK BEHIND
THIS CHAIR!

AND THEN INTO THE ROOM COMES
THE WORLD'S MOST HATED ANIMAL!

WOW! IT'S HIM!
IT'S HITLER
HIMSELF!

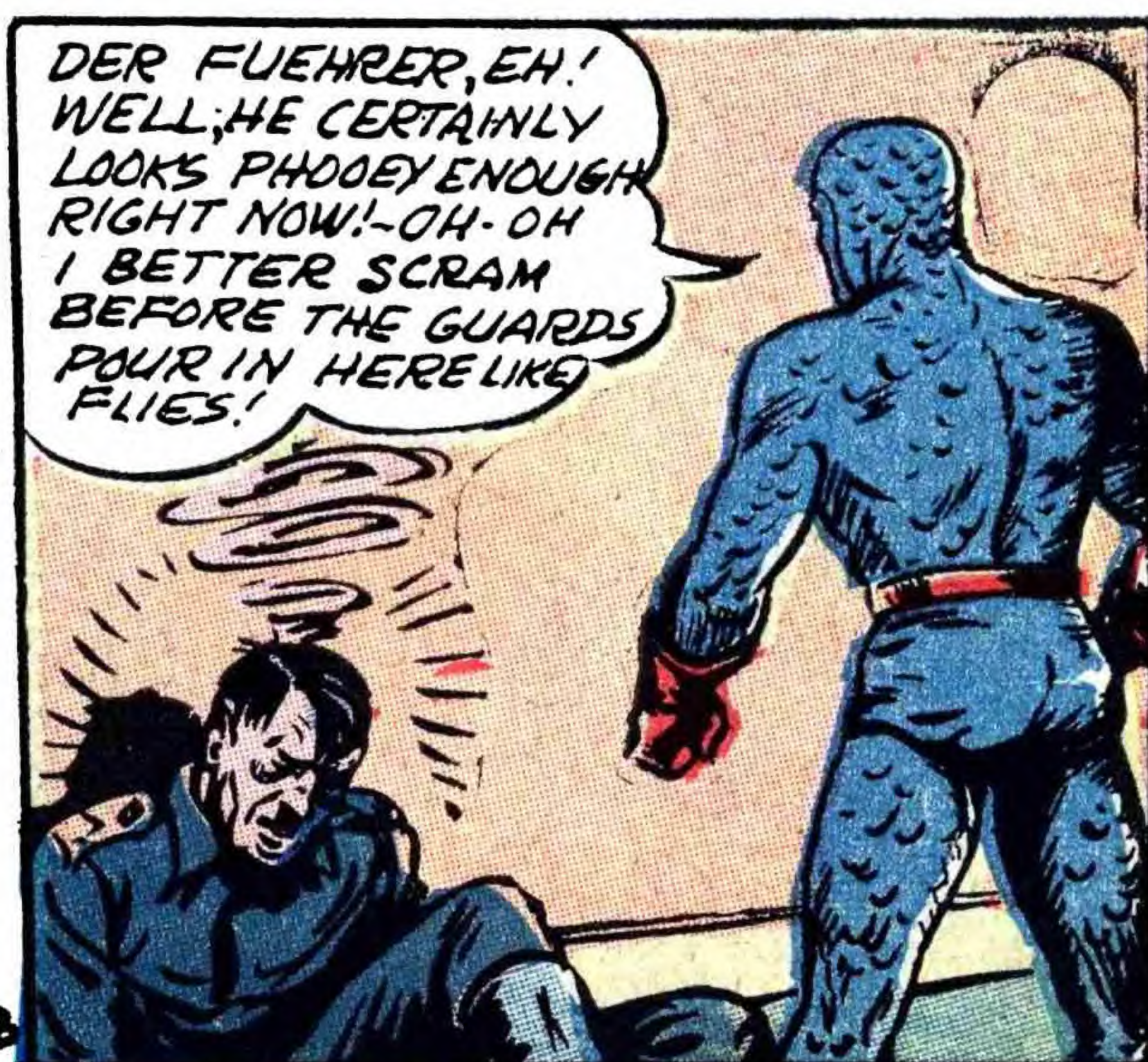
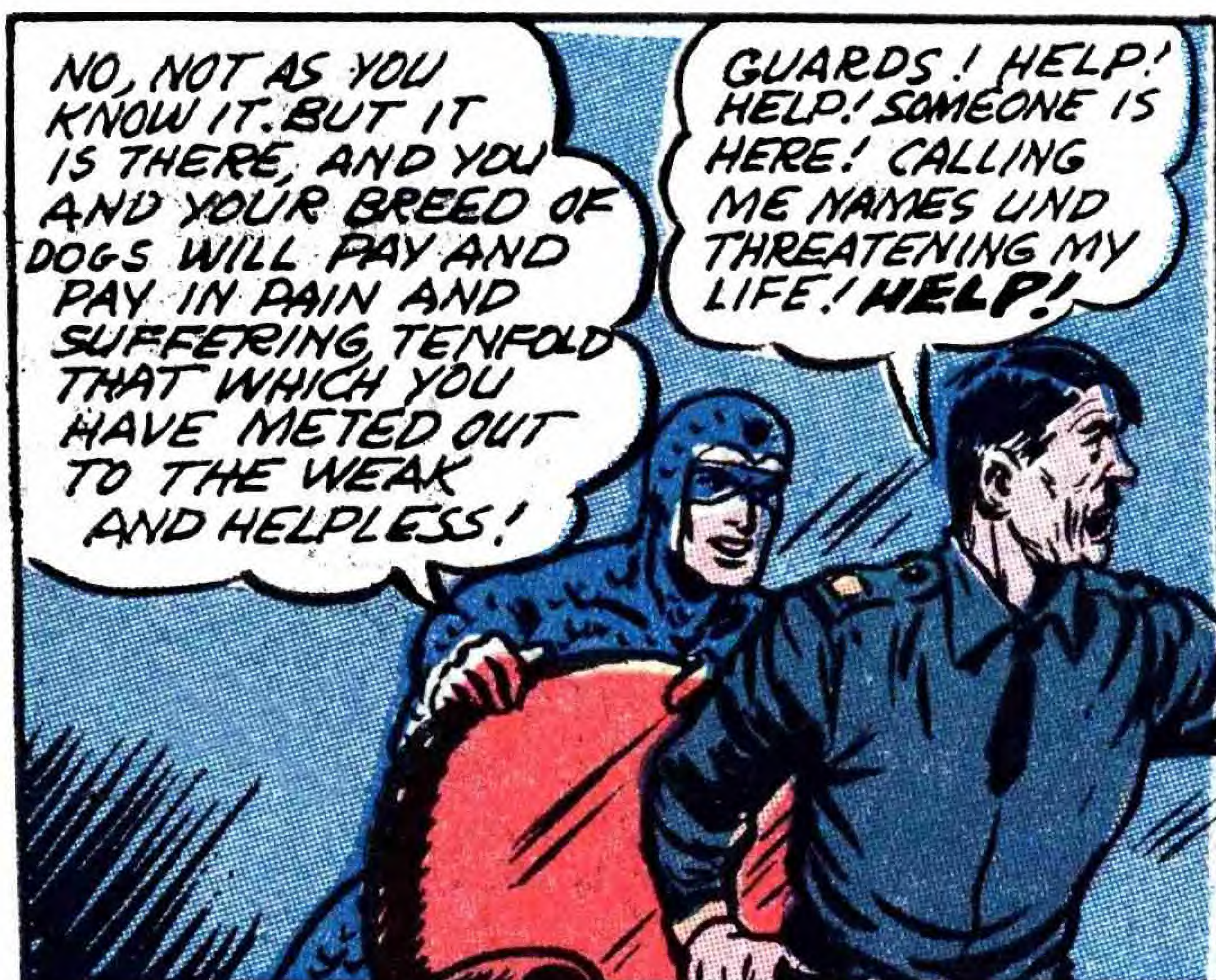
TROUBLES DOT'S
VOT I GOT! ACH!
I CANT EFEN
SLEEP YET!

DER STUPID FOOLS
IF DEY EVER KNEW
DER TRUE SECRET
OF MY POWER!
DEY VOULD DROP
DEAD IN DERE
TRACKS!

THEN A STRANGE THING OCCURS! AS THE BLUE BEETLE
WATCHES AN AMAZING TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE!
HITLER'S SKIN TURNS A GLOWING RED! THE HORNS OF THE
DEVIL APPEAR ON THE BROW OF HIS HATED HEAD!

IMPOSSIBLE! IT CANT
BE! THIS IS TOO LITTERLY
FANTASTIC!!!

AND SUDDENLY HE IS REVEALED IN
THE TRUE FORM OF THE TERRIBLE
MONSTER HE REALLY IS! ---



THEN AS THE BLUE BEETLE DASHES THROUGH THE DOOR TO ESCAPE, HE RUNS HEAD-ON INTO A WHOLE SQUAD OF HITLER'S ELITE GUARD!



LIKE A DEMON INCARNATE...HE TEARS INTO THE STARTLED NAZI SOLDIERS!



--BUT THE SHEER FORCE OF NUMBERS AND GUN BUTTS SOON SETTLES THE BATTLE!

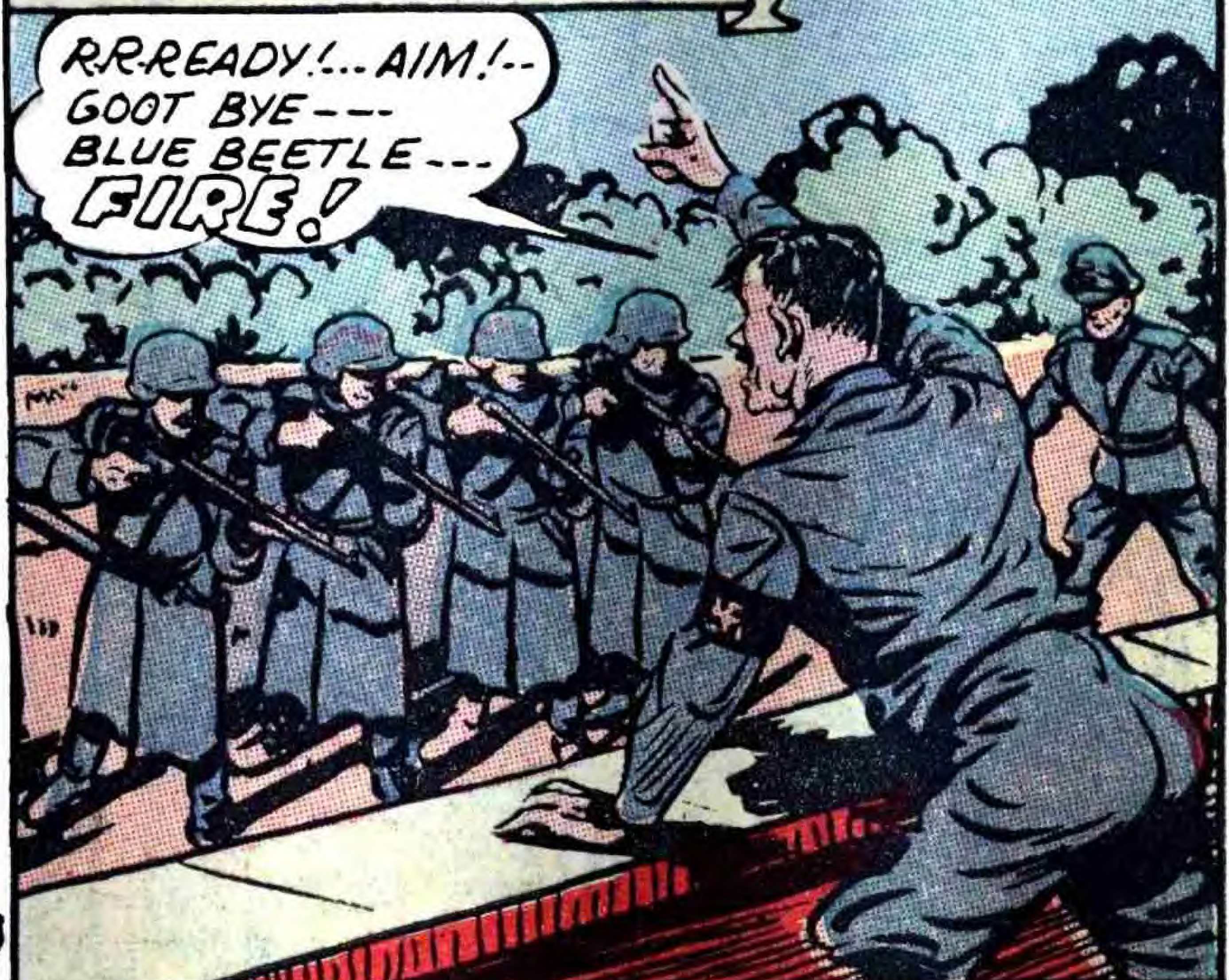


SO! BLUE BEETLE, YOU DID NOT ESCAPE EH!... 'RAUSE! TAKE HIM DOWN BY DER VALL UND SHOOT HIM AT VUNCE!... I MYSELF VILL GIF DER ORDER TO FIRE FROM MINE BALCONY!



A FEW MINUTES LATER!

RR-READY!... AIM!... GOOT BYE--- BLUE BEETLE--- FIRE!



BUT!... IN THE SPLIT SECOND BETWEEN THE COMMAND TO FIRE, AND PULLING THE TRIGGERS-- THE BLUE BEETLE LEAPS STRAIGHT UP! OUT OF RANGE, BESIDE HITLER ON THE PARAPET!!!!



HELLO, SCHICKELGRUBER! DIDN'T EXPECT ME BACK SO SOON, DID YOU? -- WELL YOU SEE I PROMISED MY PAL BILL DAILEY SOMETHING AND I ALWAYS TRY TO KEEP PROMISES!



THEN AS THE HELPLESS NAZIS STAND PETRIFIED WITH AMAZE-MENT!... THE BLUE BEETLE'S HAND DARTS OUT LIKE A SNAKE AND THE CRINGING FUEHRER EMITS A PIERCING, SOUL SHATTERING SCREAM!



THE NAZIS ARE SO AWE-STRICKEN, THEY CAN NOT MOVE-- AND THE BLUE BEETLE DASHES THROUGH THE HOUSE, OUT ONTO THE GROUNDS AND QUICKLY MAKES GOOD HIS ESCAPE!



TWO WEEKS LATER... IN A SECRET RENDEZ-VOUS OF THE BERLIN UNDERGROUND!



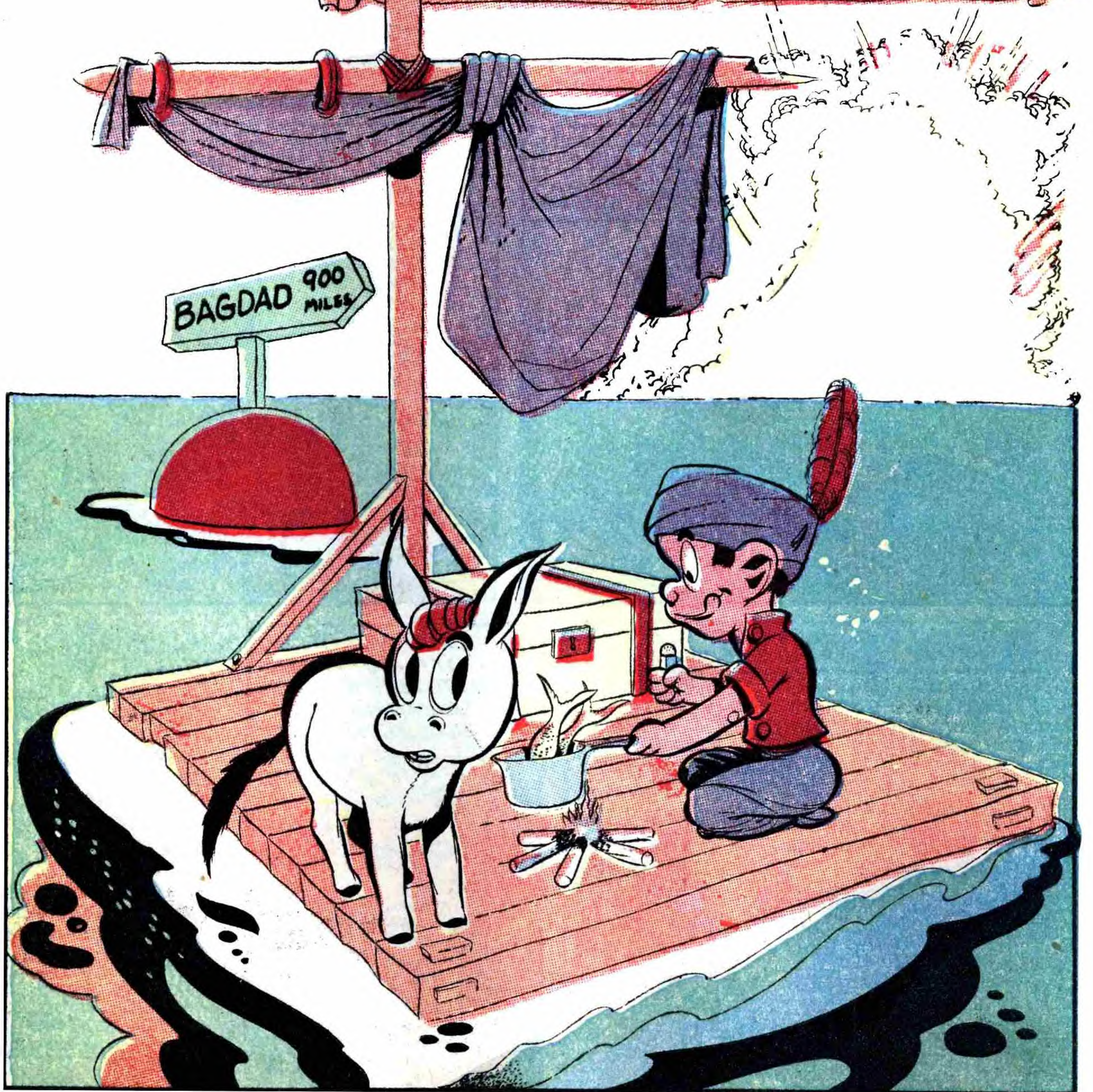
HOLY CATS! NO! IT CAN'T BE THAT!-- BUT IT IS!-- IT IS!-- HITLER'S MUSTACHE! GEE! IS DAN GARRETT THE BLUE BEETLE! HMM!

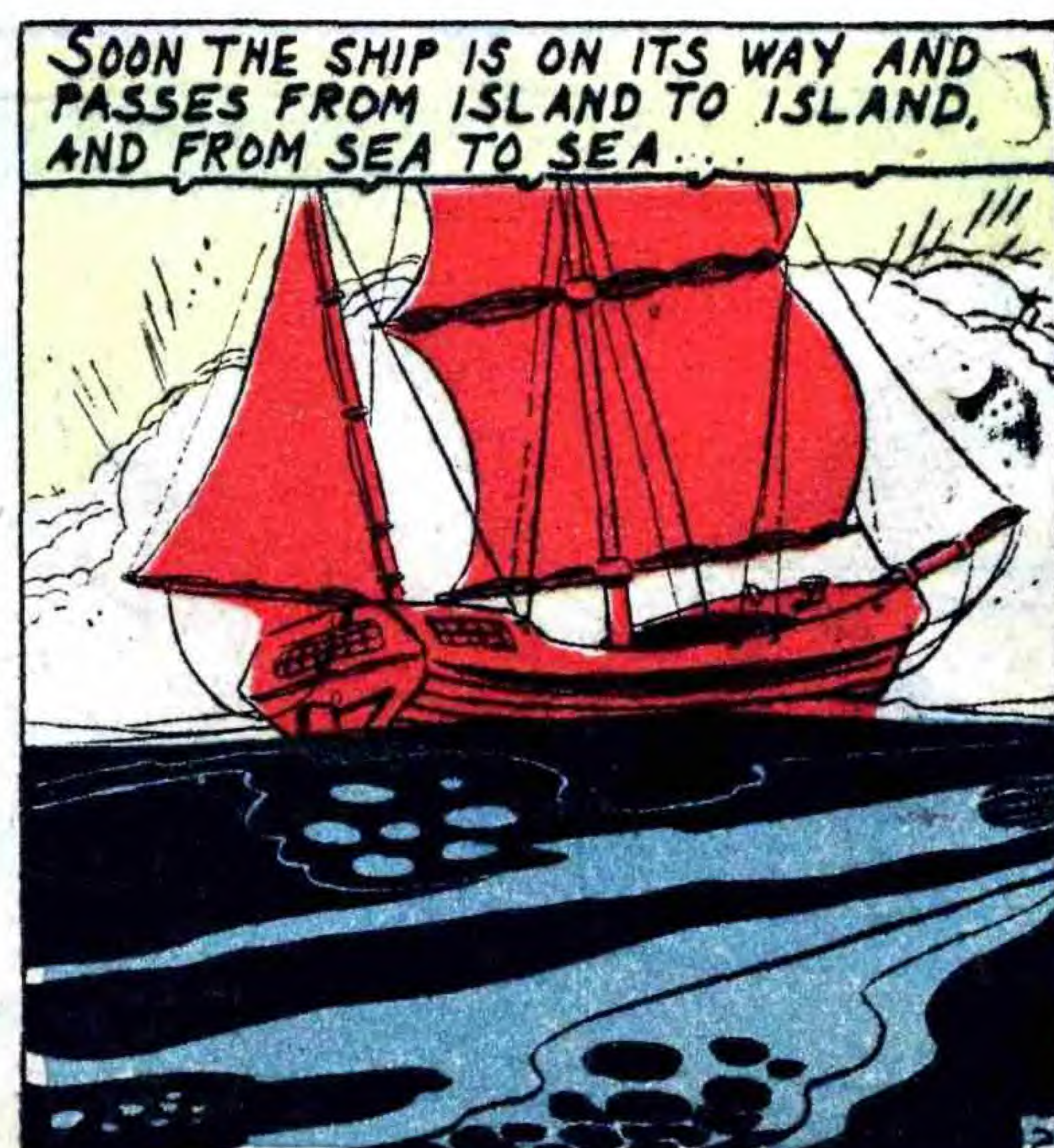
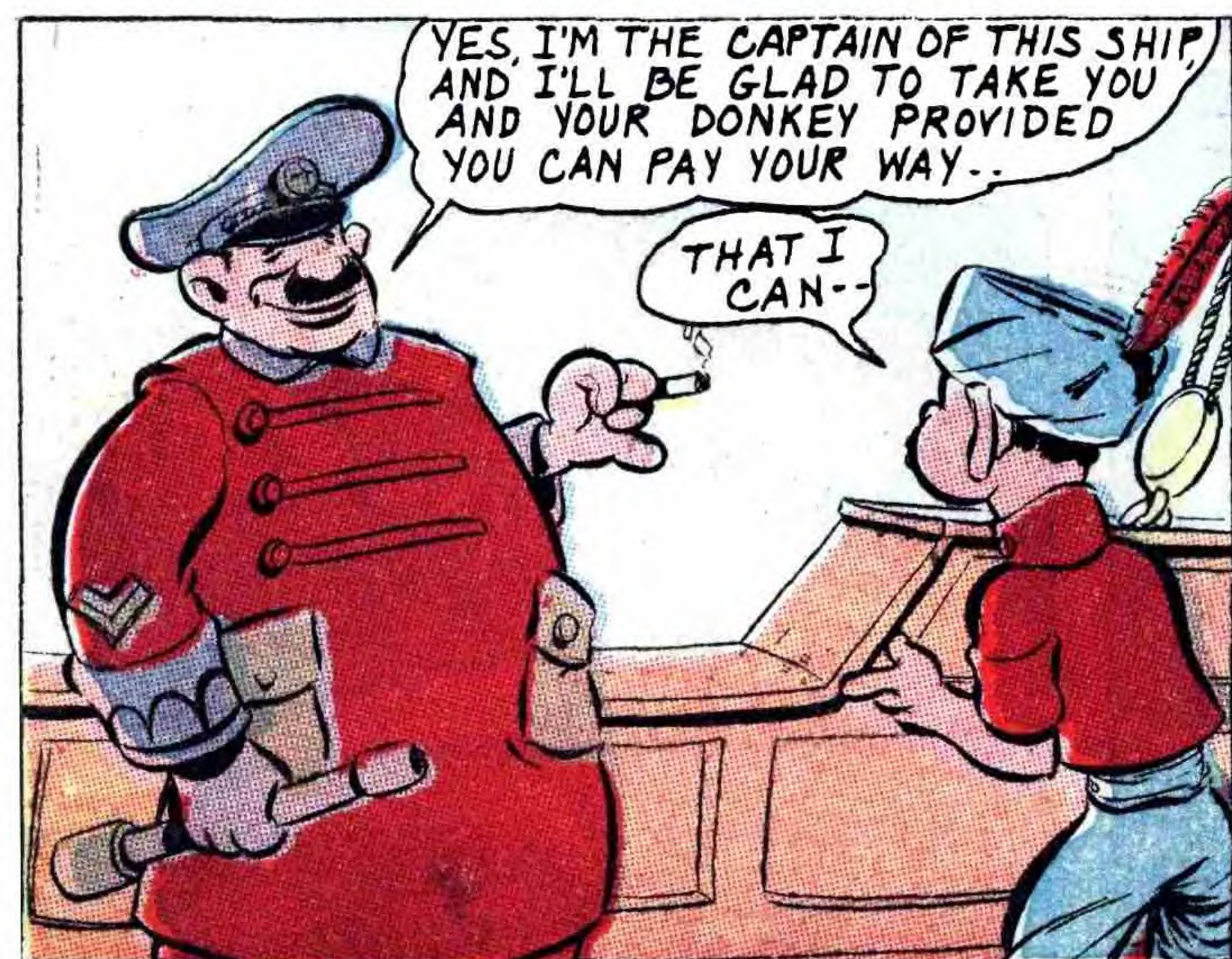
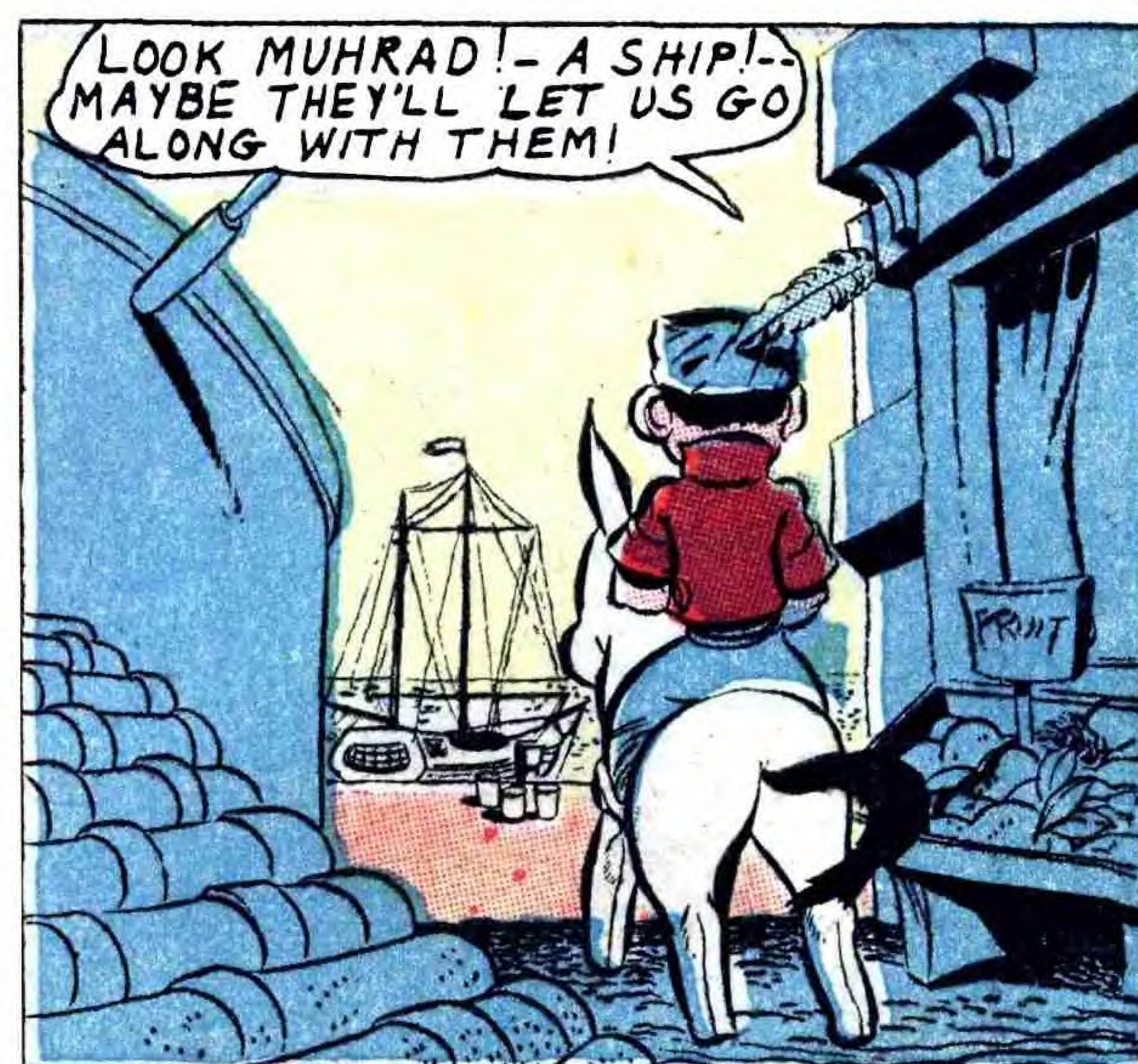
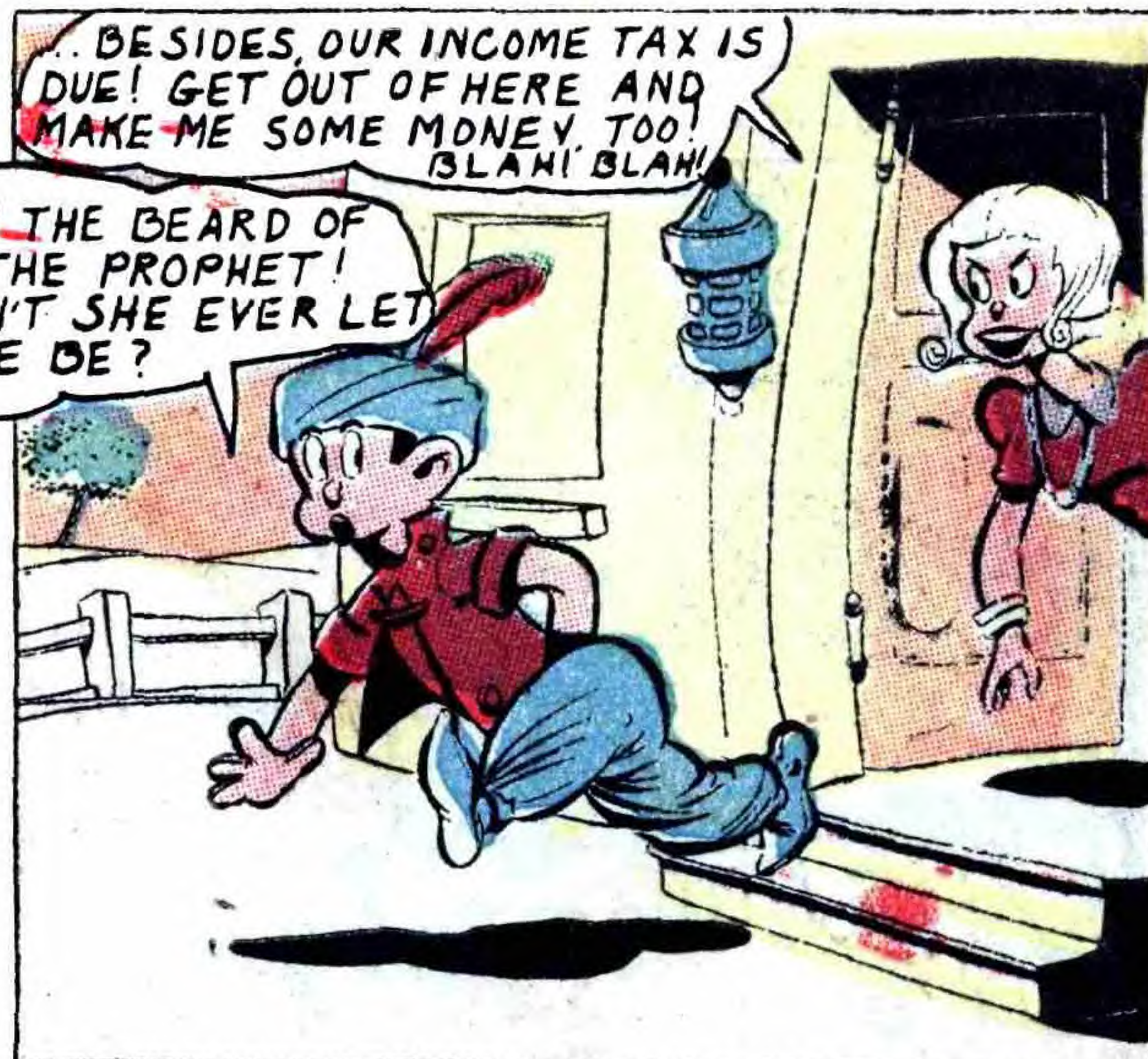
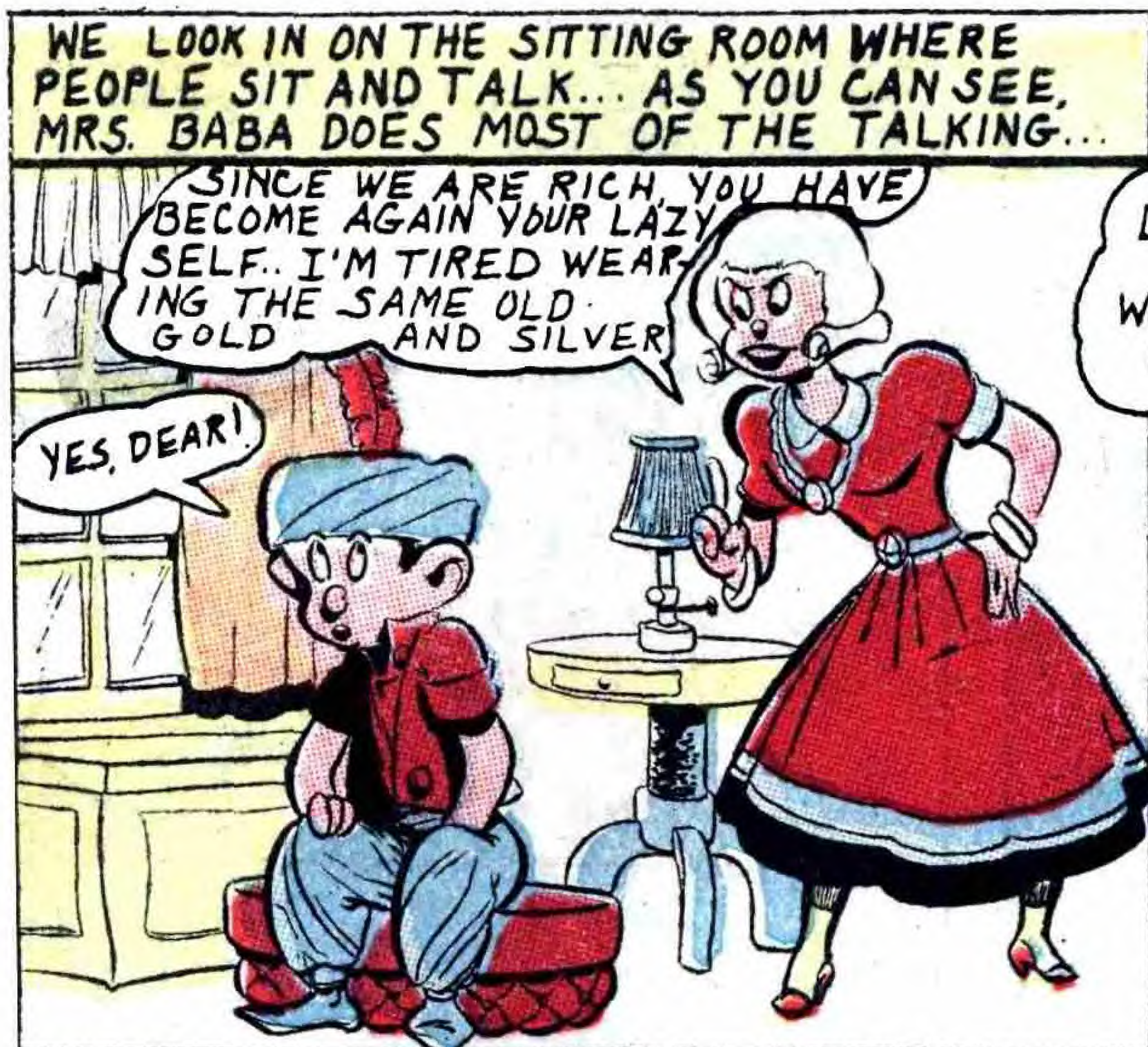


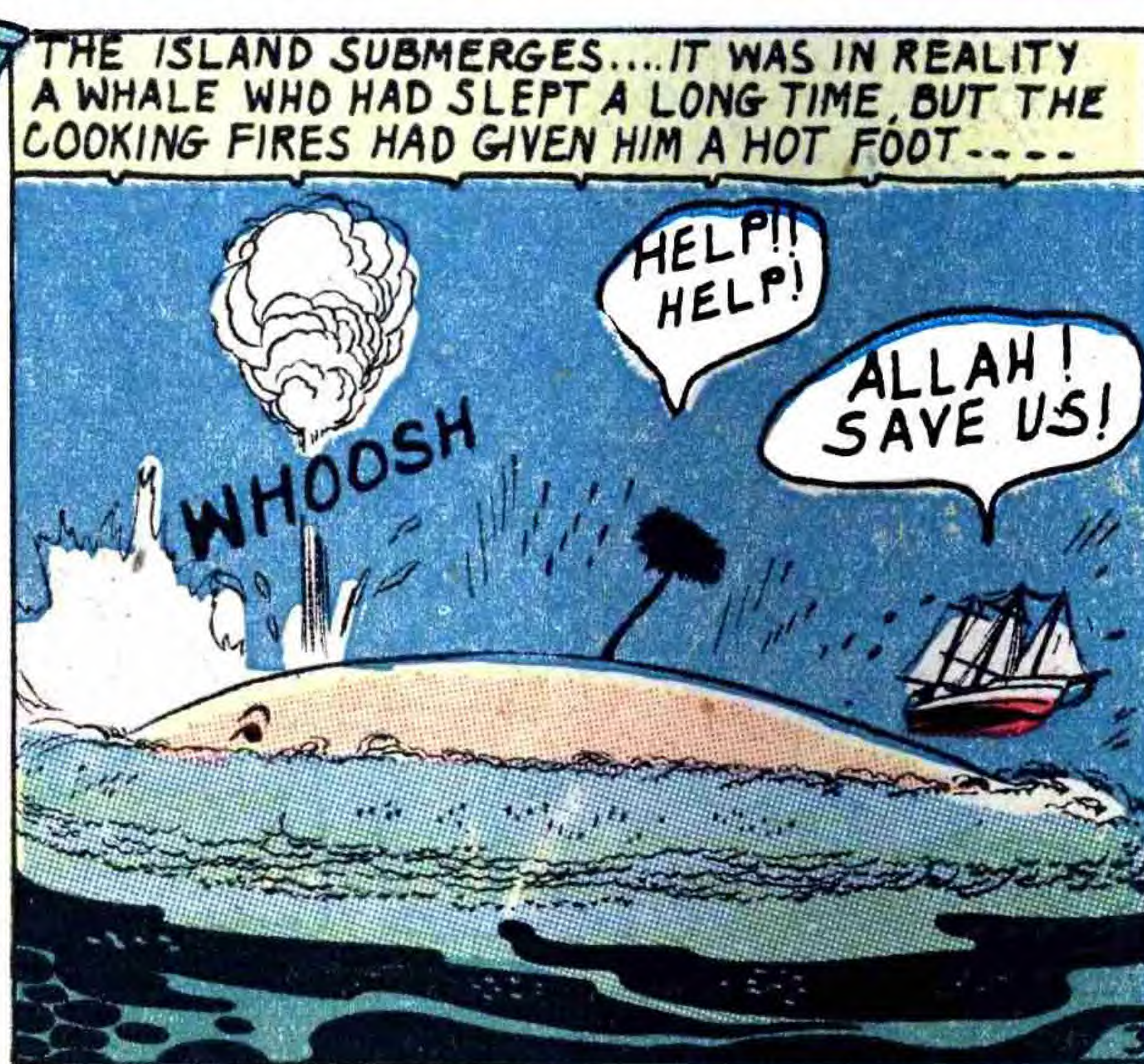
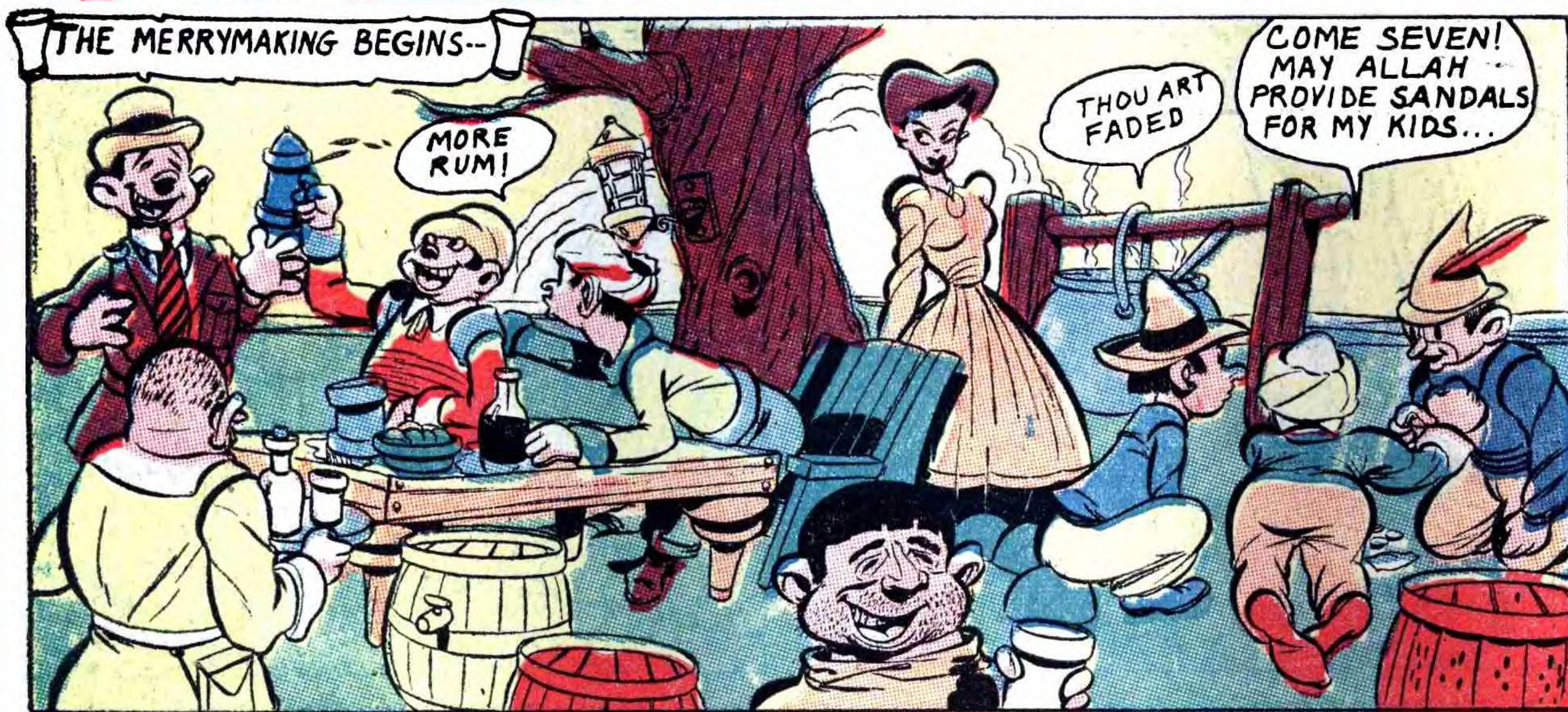
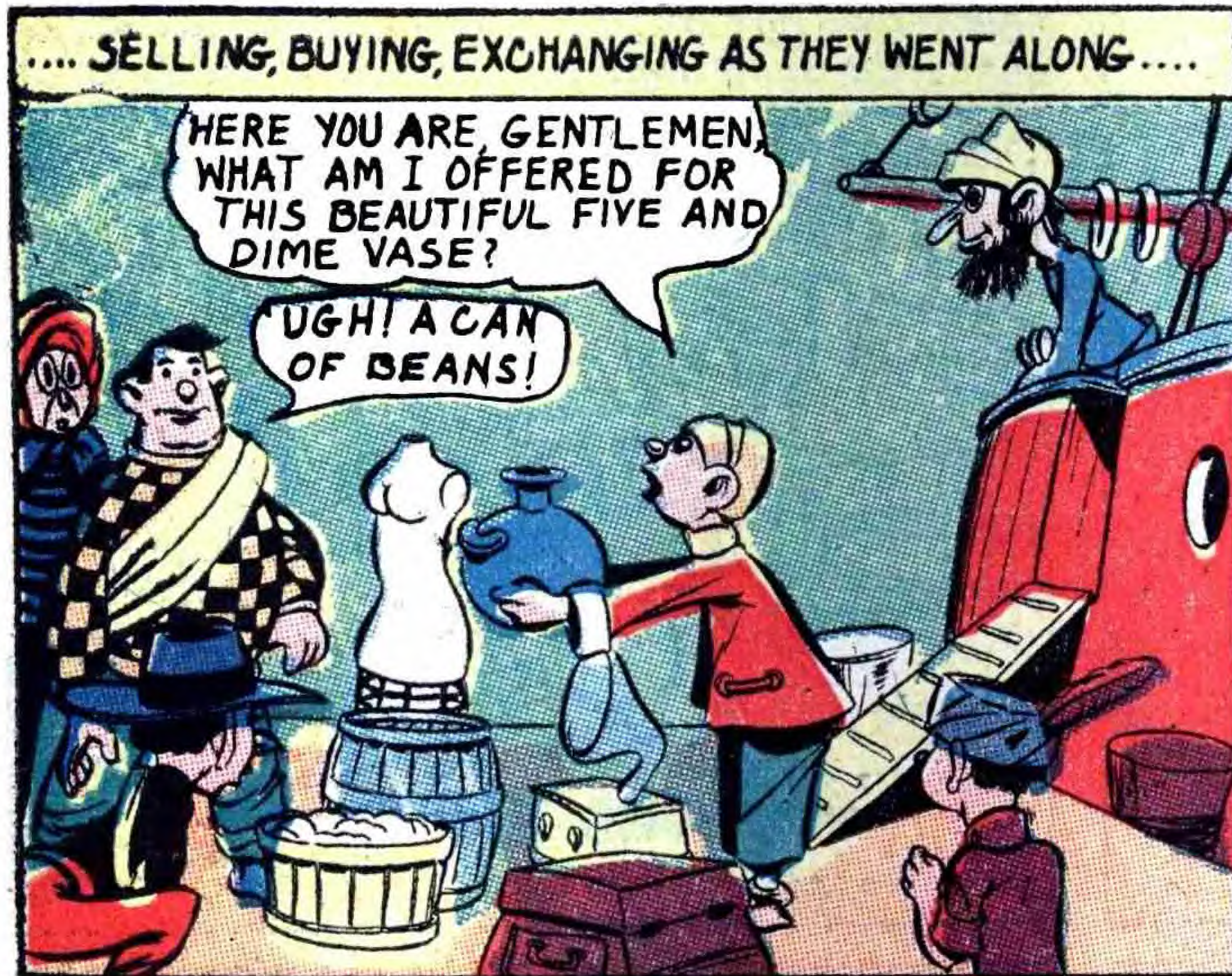
IF YOU ENJOYED THIS STORY!-- IT IS BECAUSE THE ARTIST AND AUTHOR TRIED TO MAKE IT AS GOOD AS COMIC MAGAZINES. SHOULD BE! STORIES THAT PLEASE ARE THE PRODUCT OF ONLY EXPERIENCED TOP NOTCH MEN--WRITE TO YOUR PUBLISHERS AND DEMAND--- STORIES BY PROVEN MASTERS OF FAST-ACTION FICTION! BLUE BEETLE Comics! P.S. MENTION THEIR NAMES!

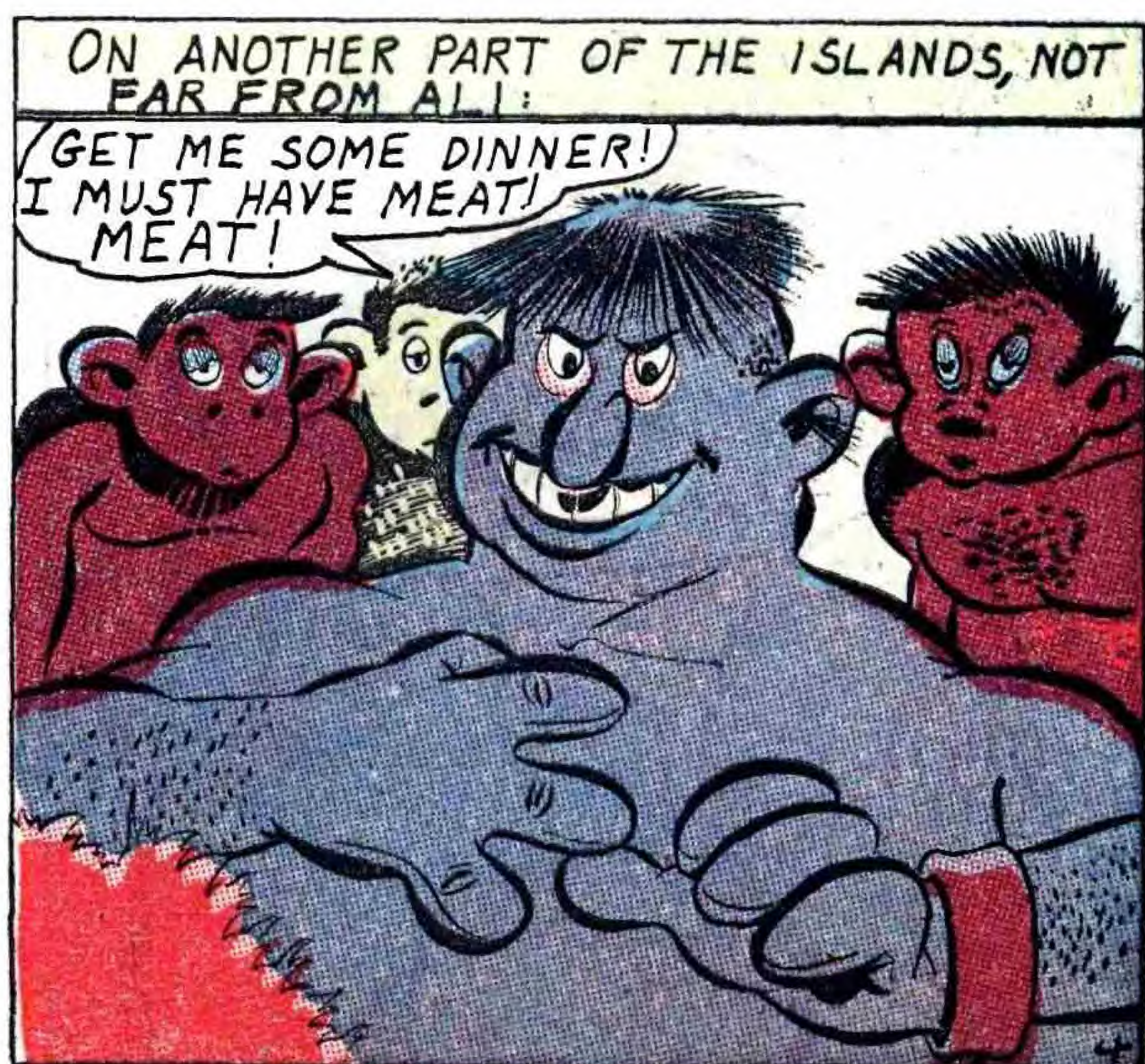
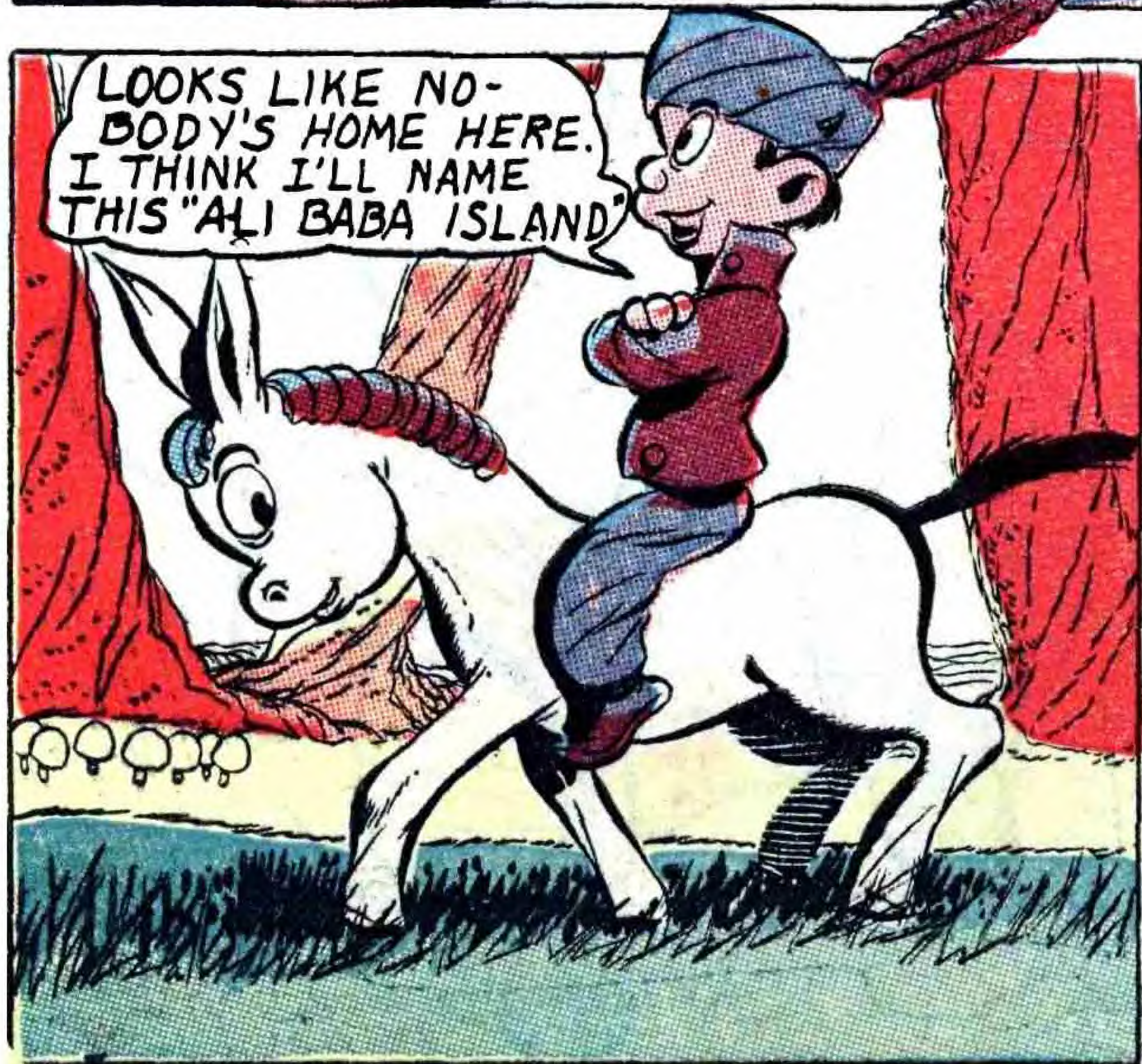
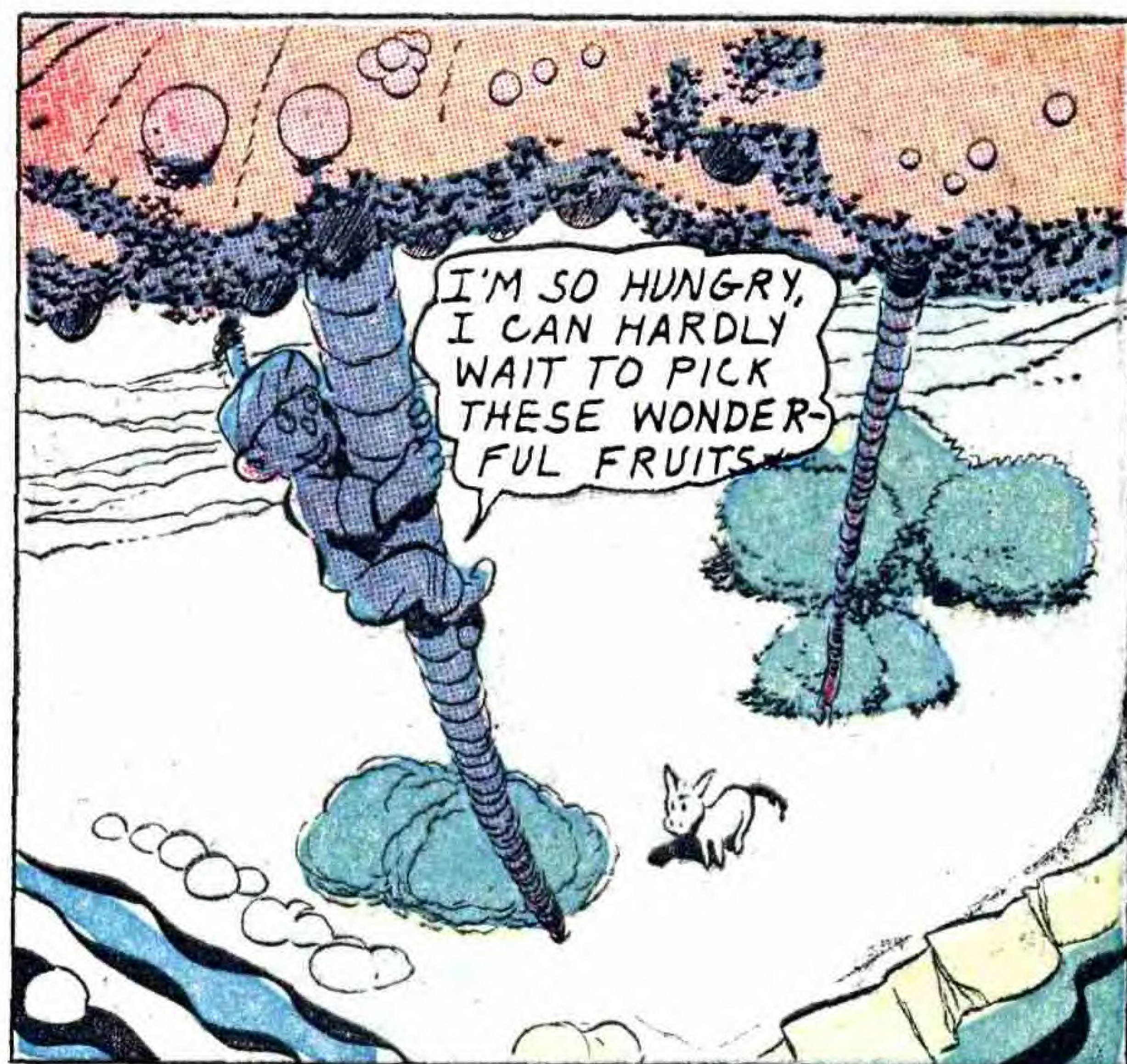
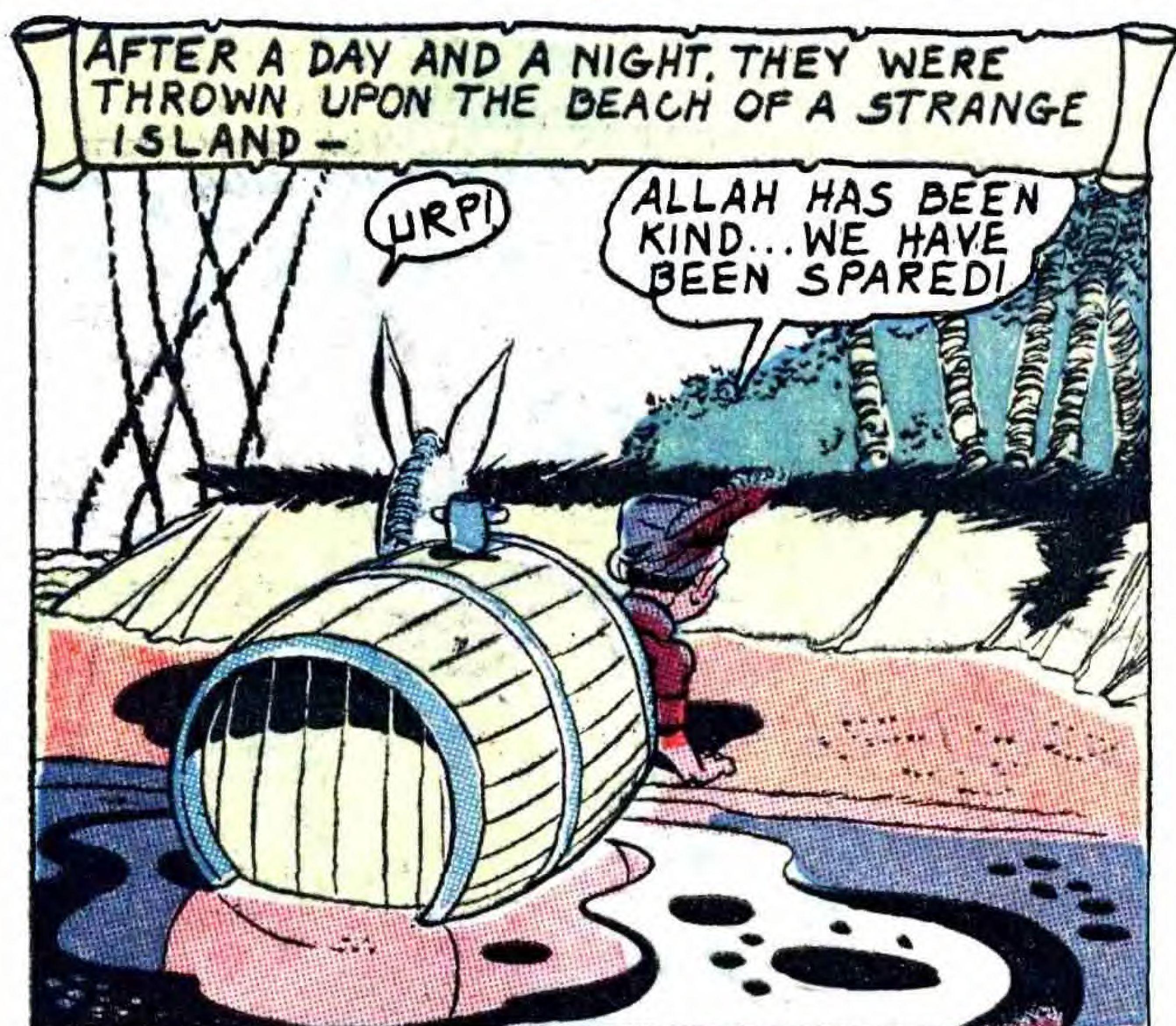
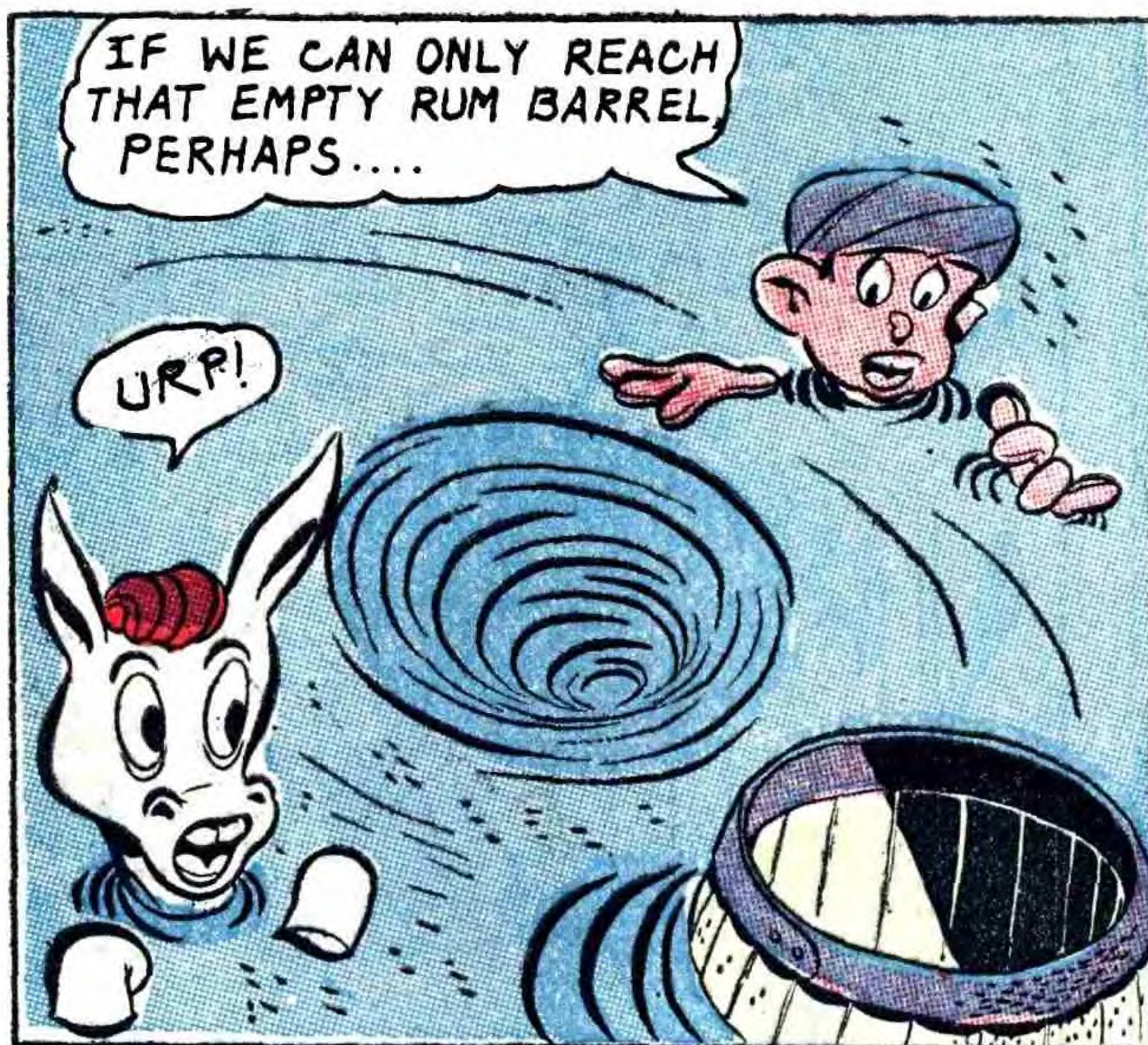
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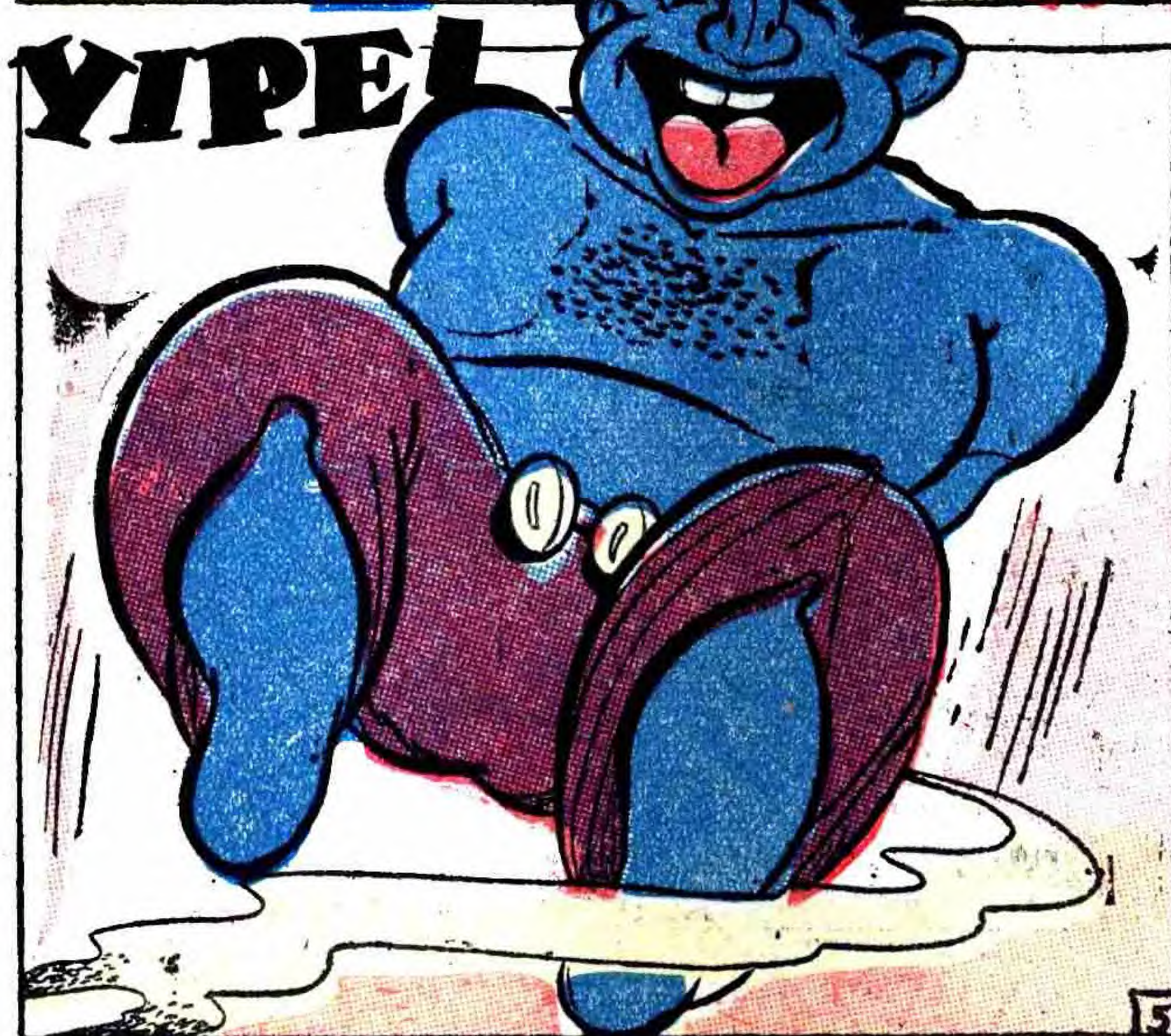
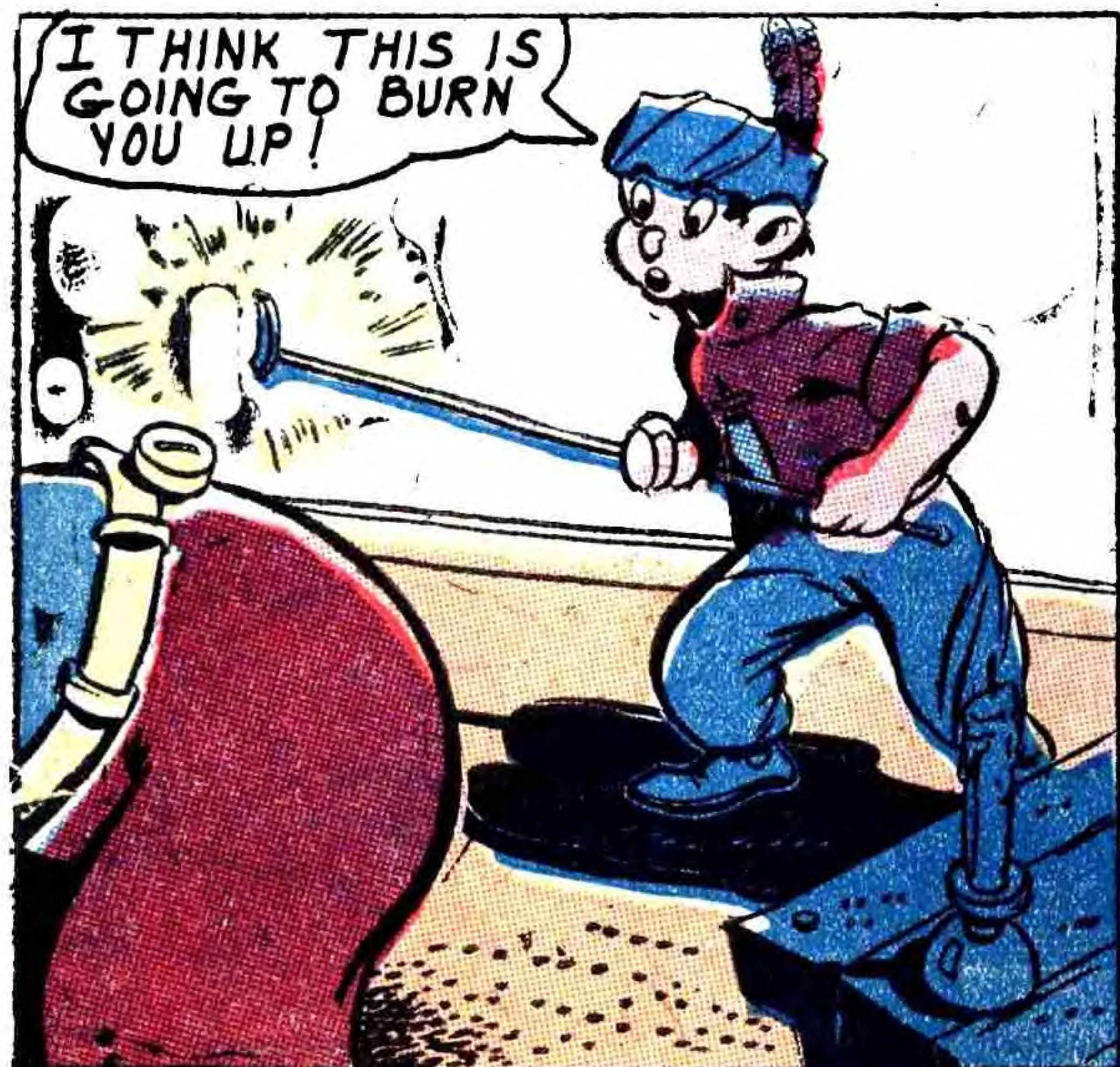
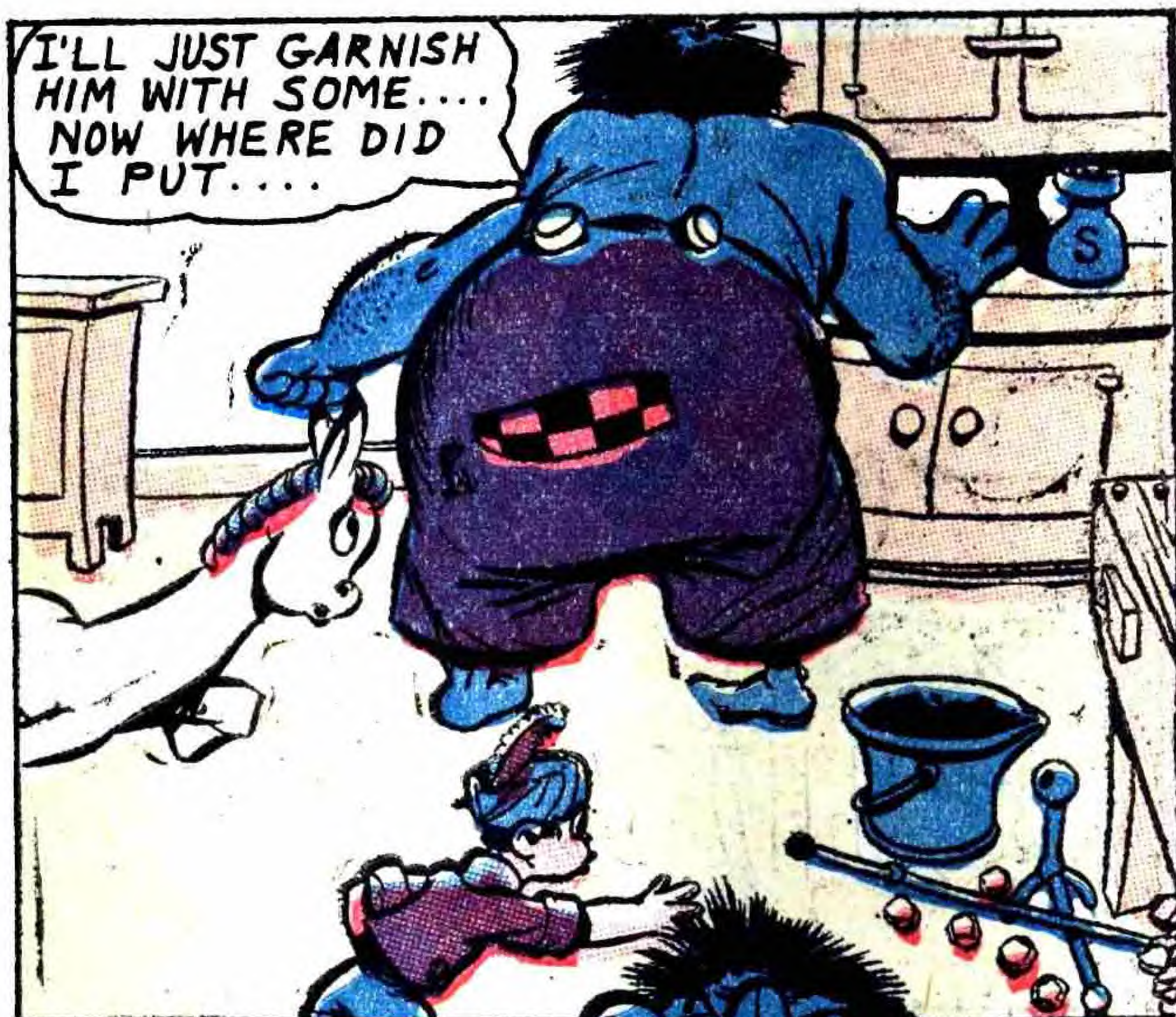
YOU REMEMBER HOW ALI BABA OUTWITTED THE FORTY THIEVES, DON'T YOU? NOW SHARE WITH ALL THE THRILLS OF ANOTHER ADVENTURE INTO THE LAND OF THE ARABIAN NIGHTS . . .

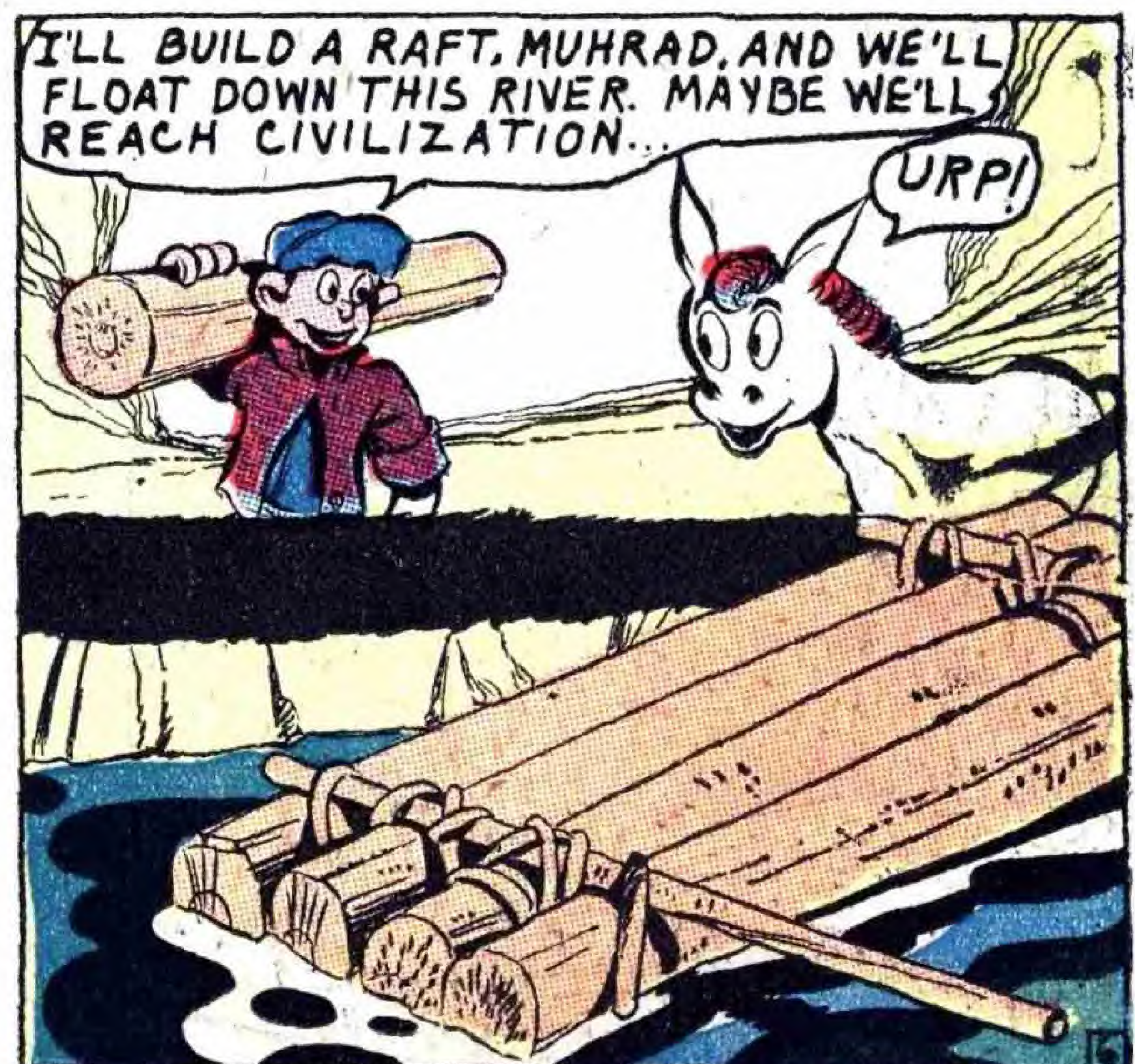
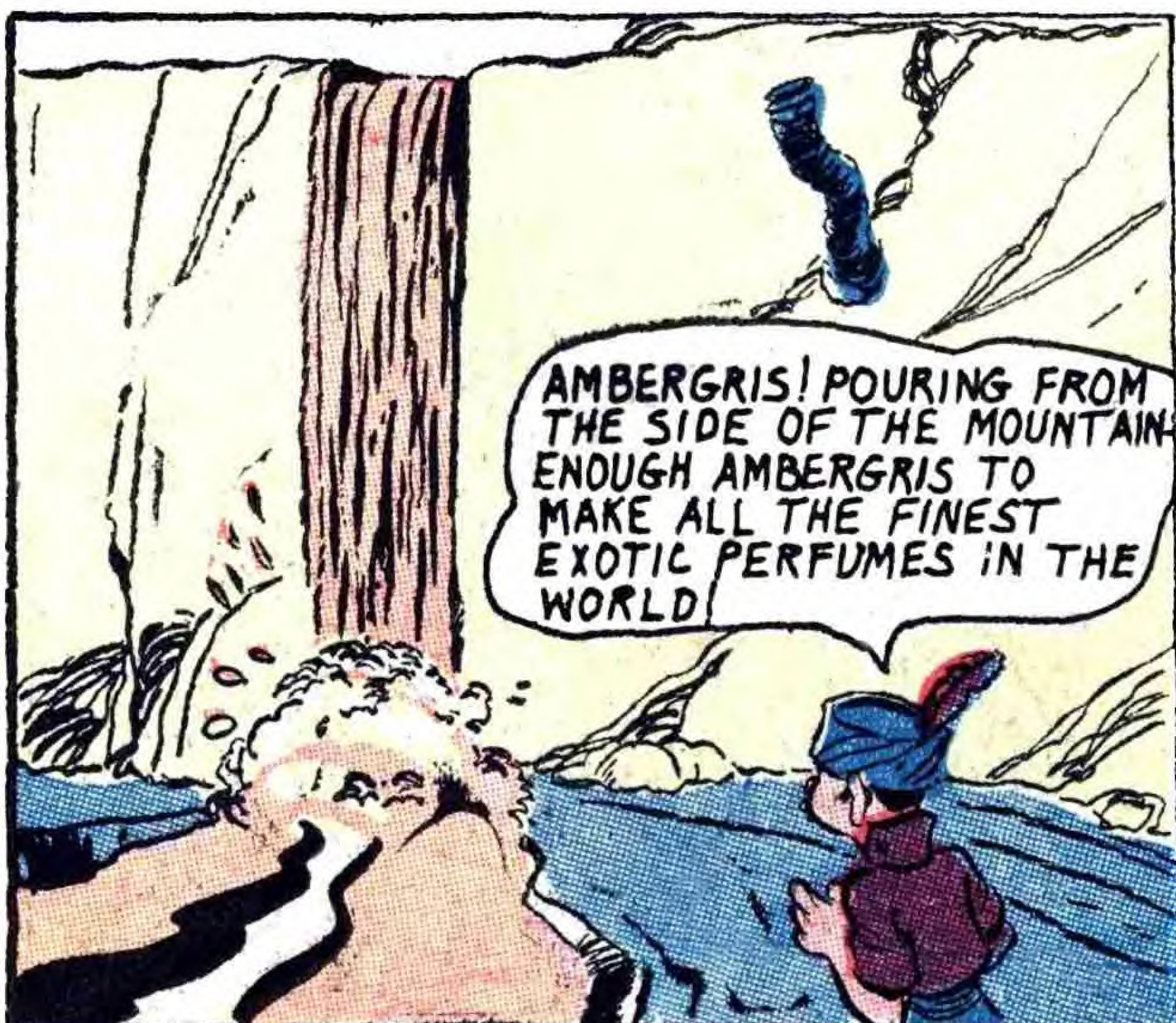
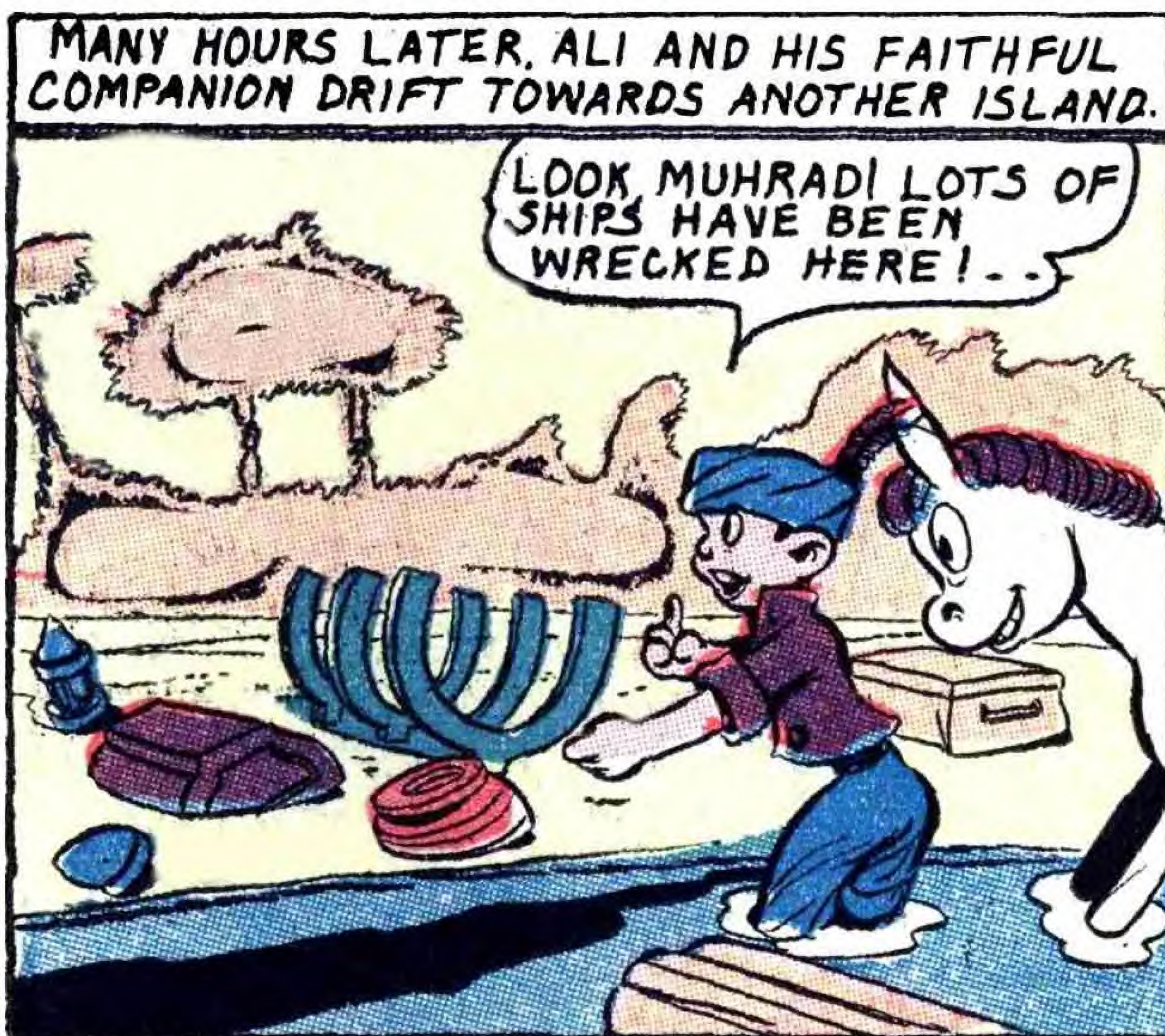
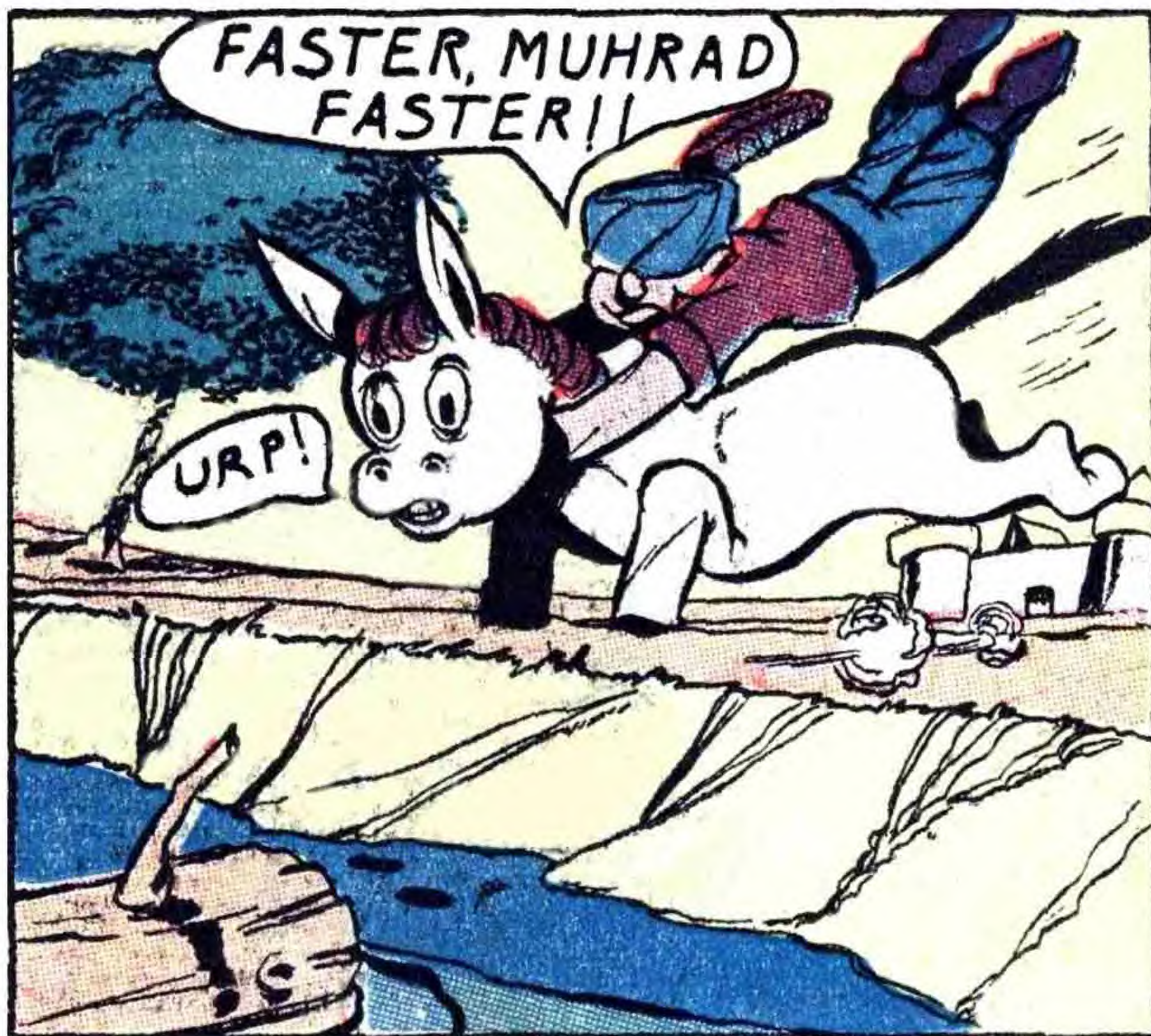




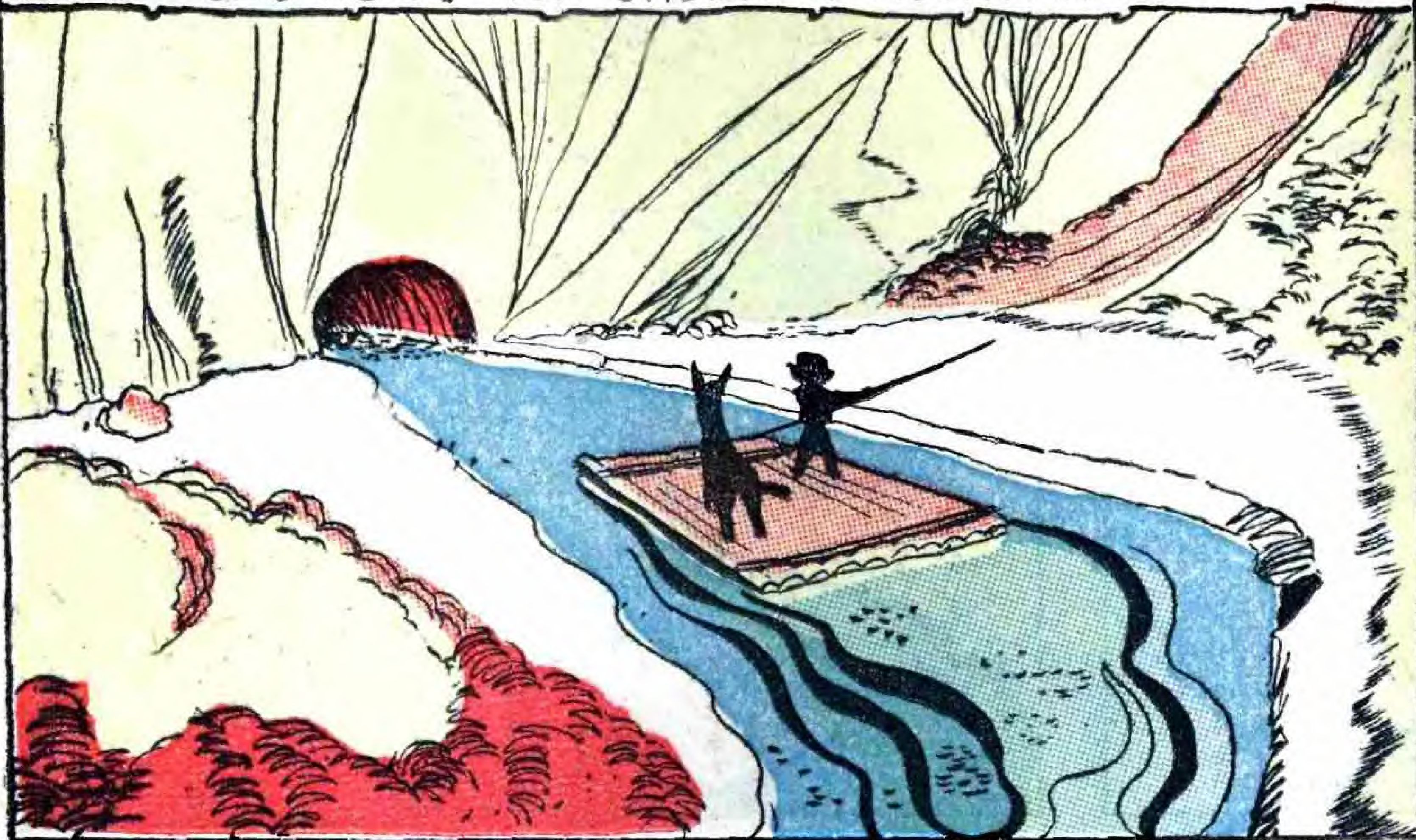








SOON THE RAFT IS FINISHED AND ALI EMBARKS ON HIS JOURNEY... NOT LONG AFTER THAT, HE NOTICES THAT THE RIVER BEGINS TO RUN UNDER A MOUNTAIN...

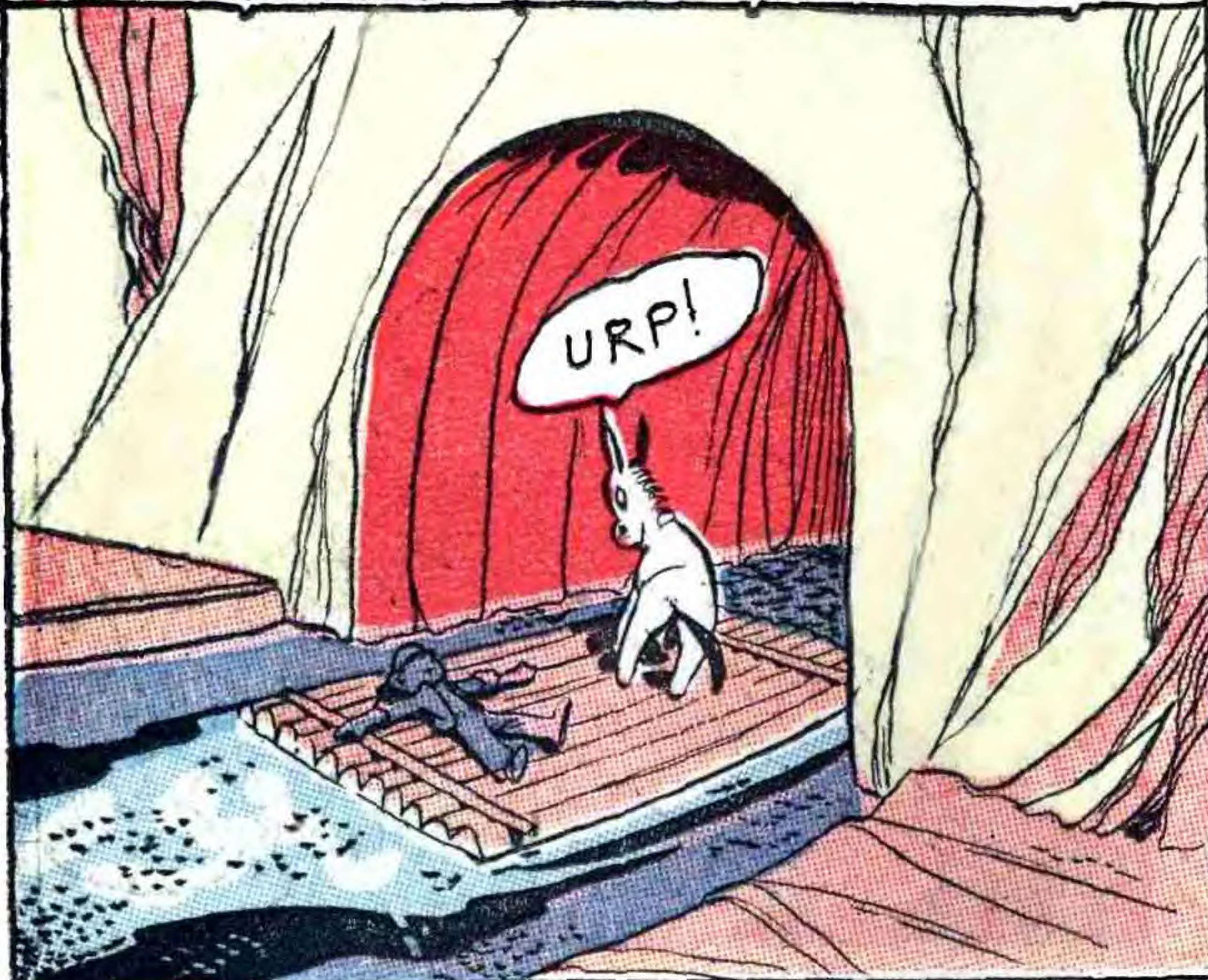


GEE WHIZ! I CAN'T EVEN SEE MY HAND BEFORE ME!

BUMP

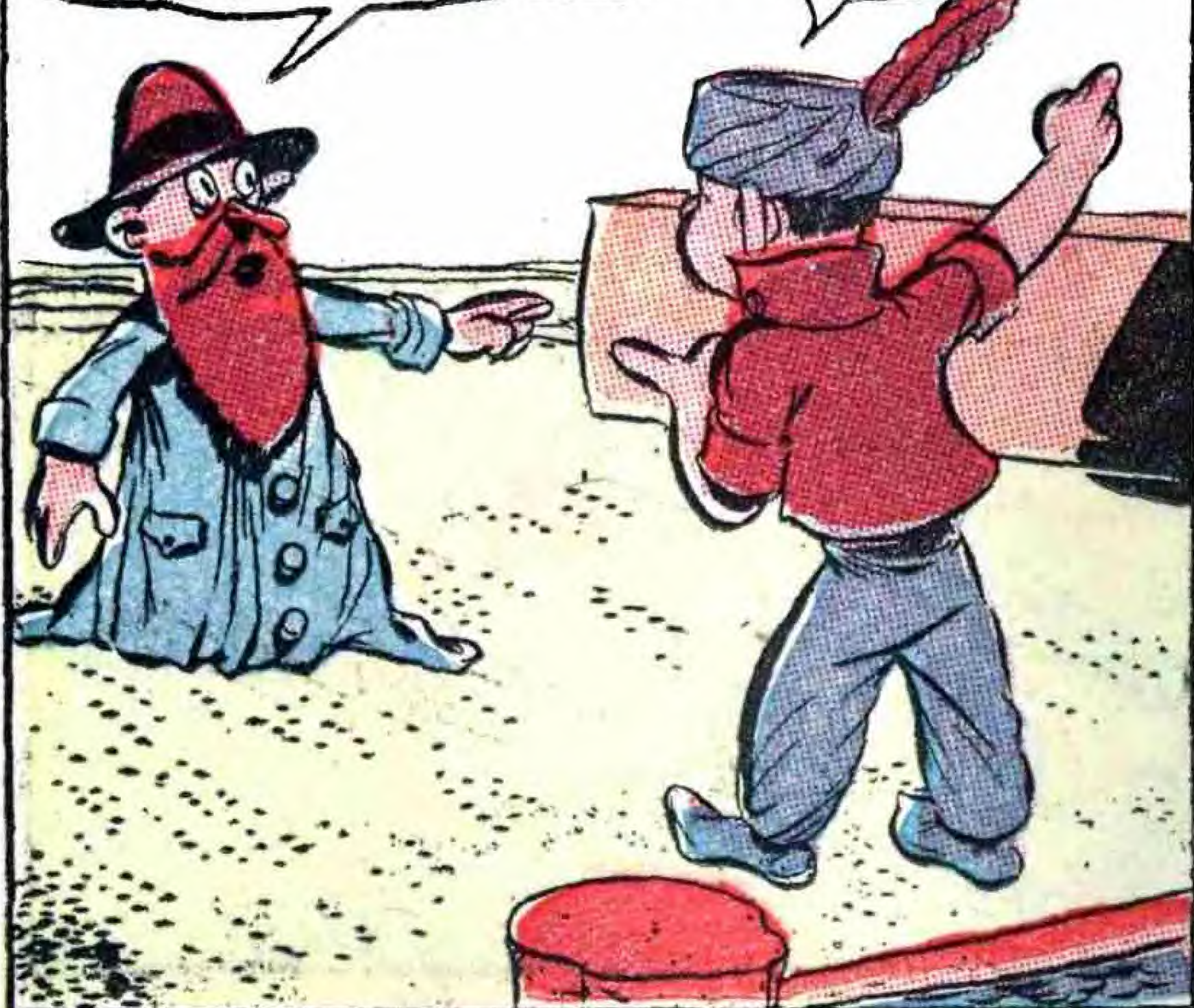
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ALI BUMPED HIS HEAD ON THE MOUNTAIN AND WAS KNOCKED OUT....

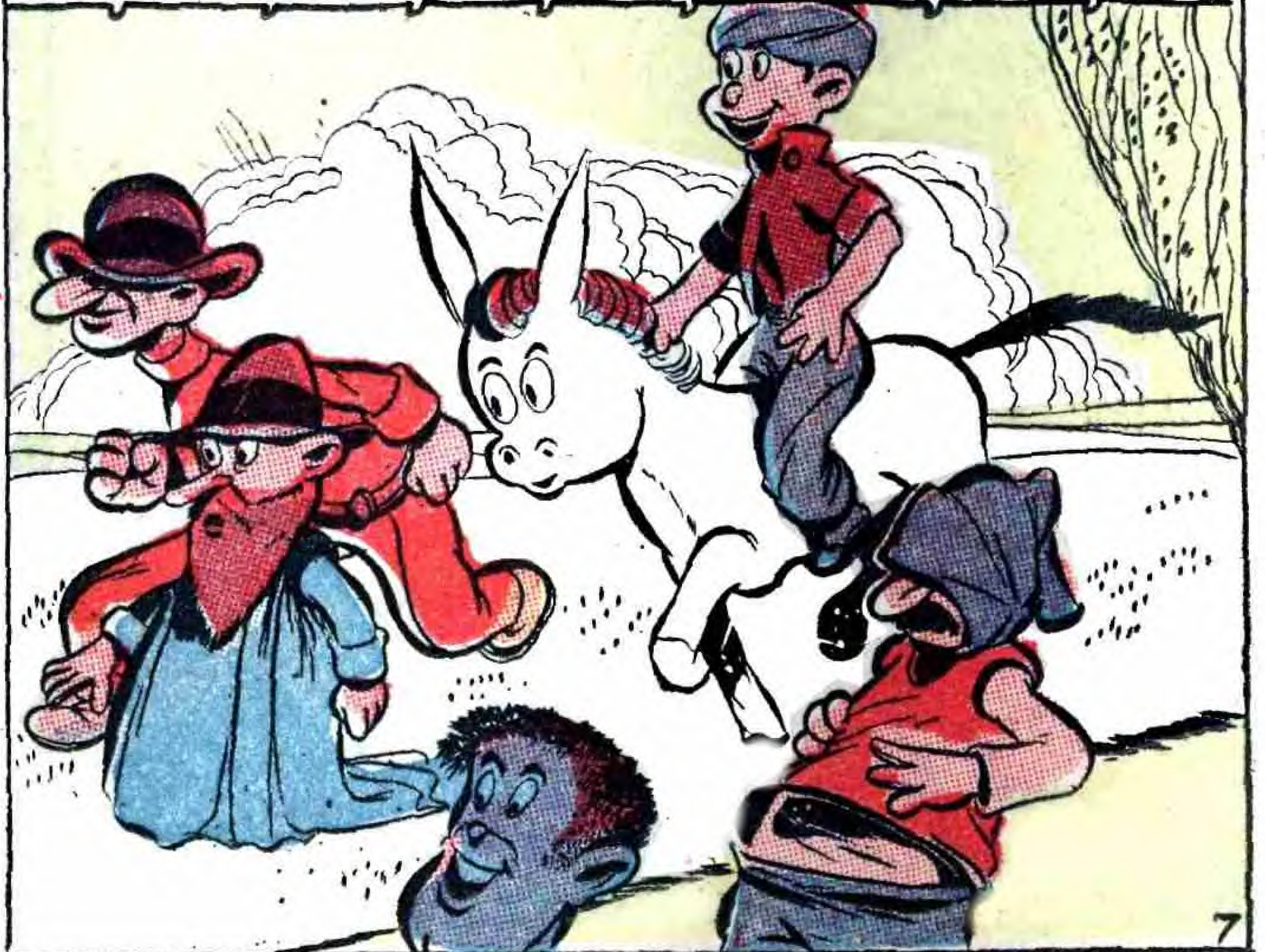


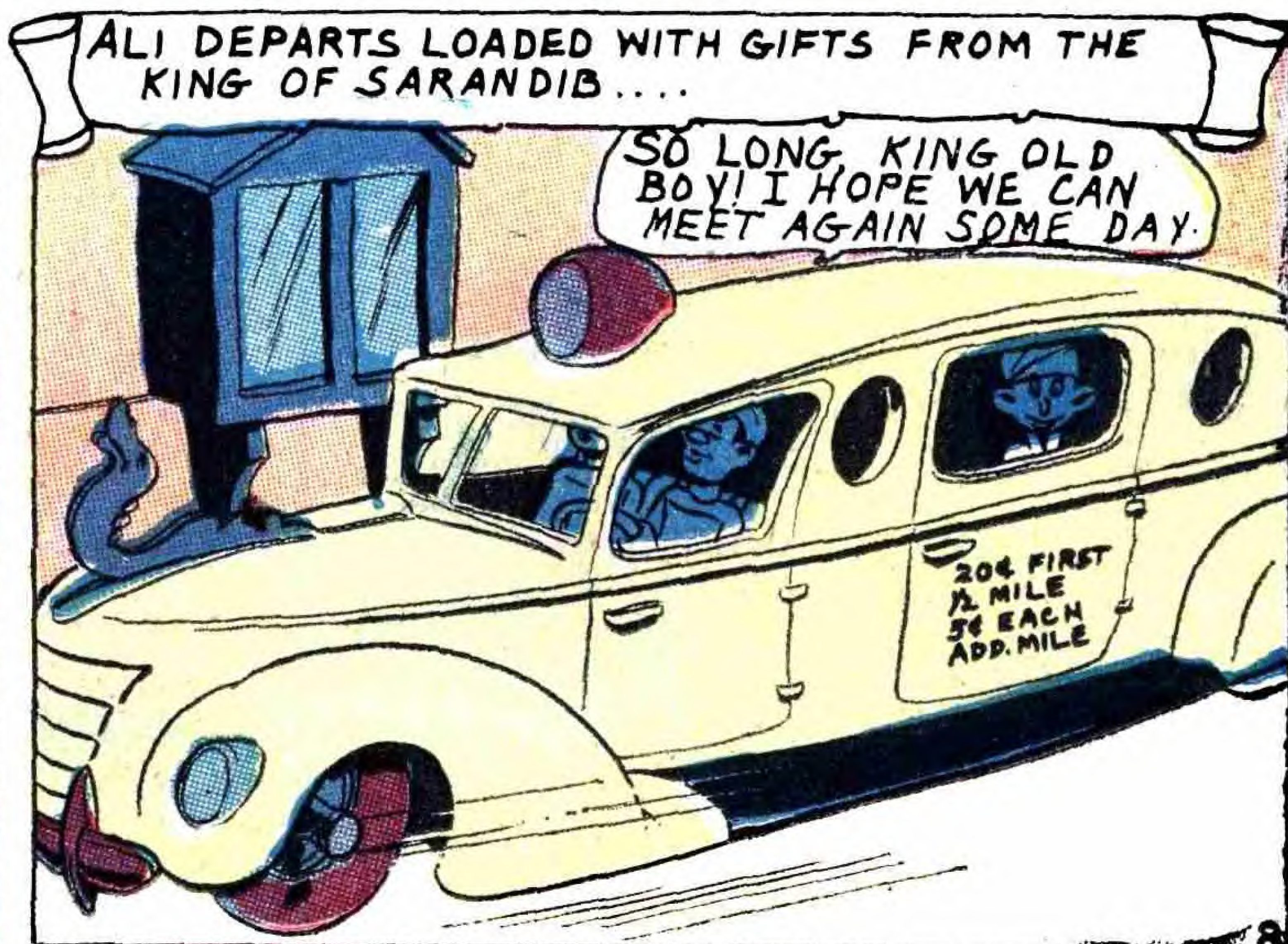
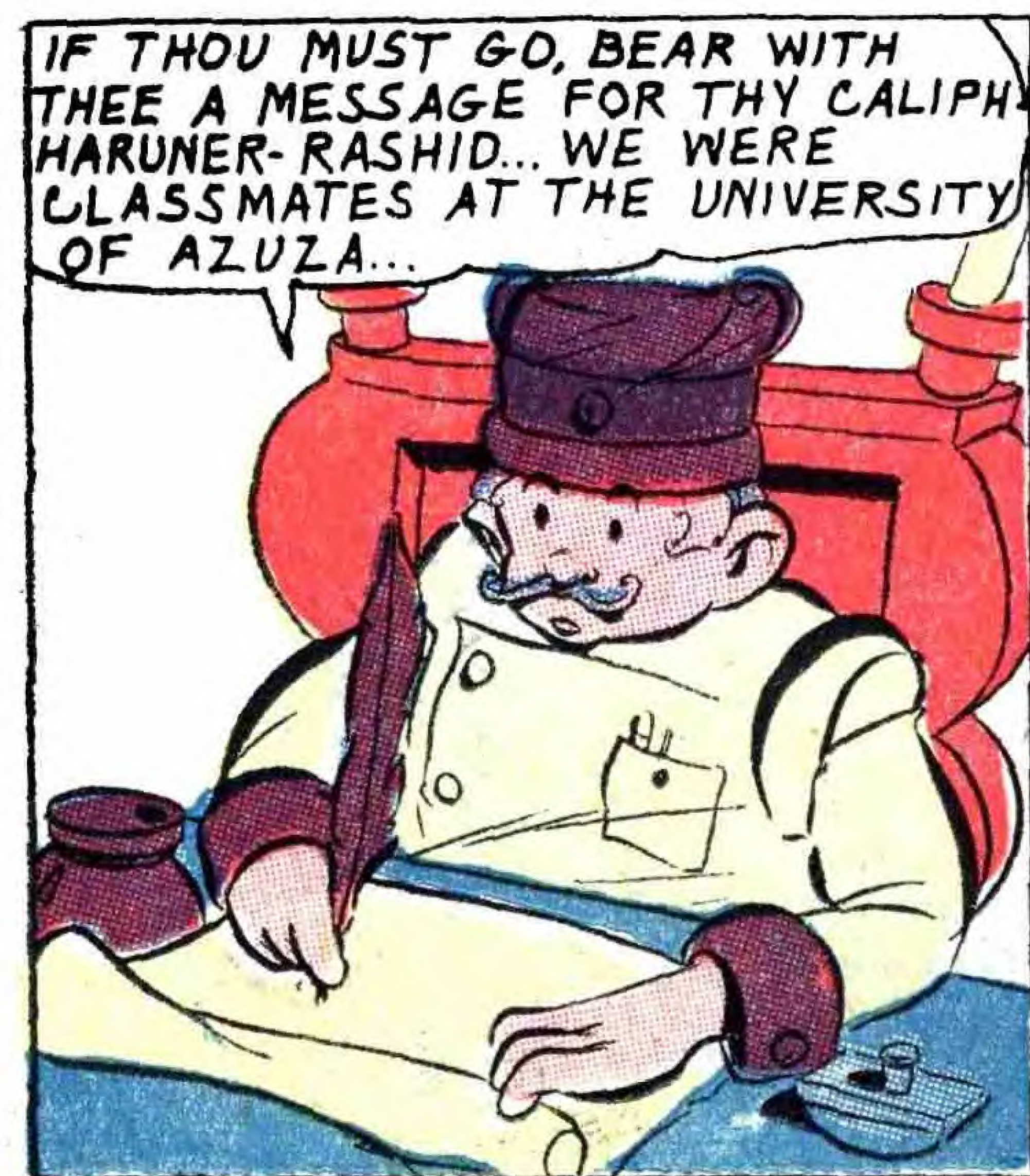
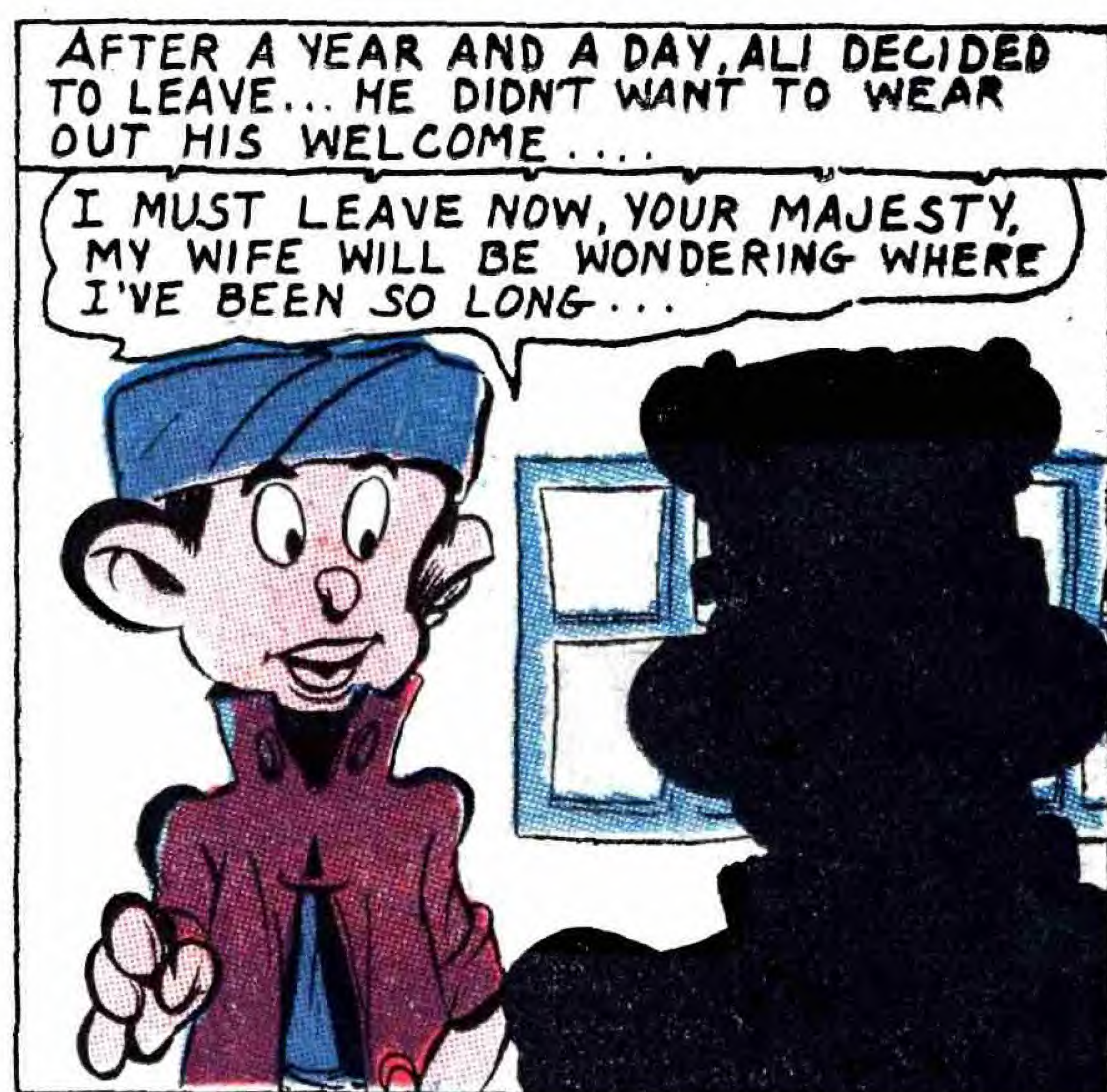
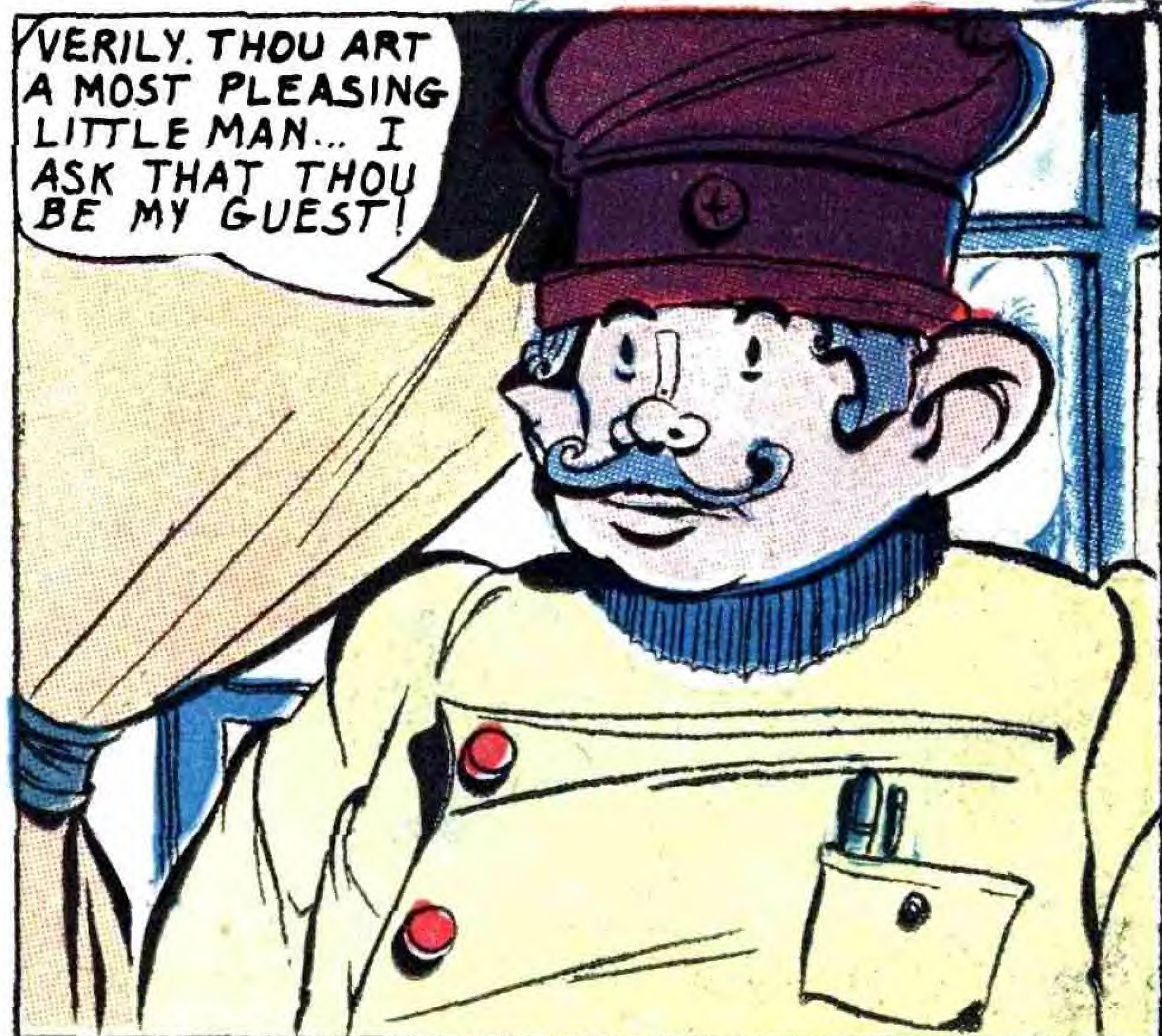
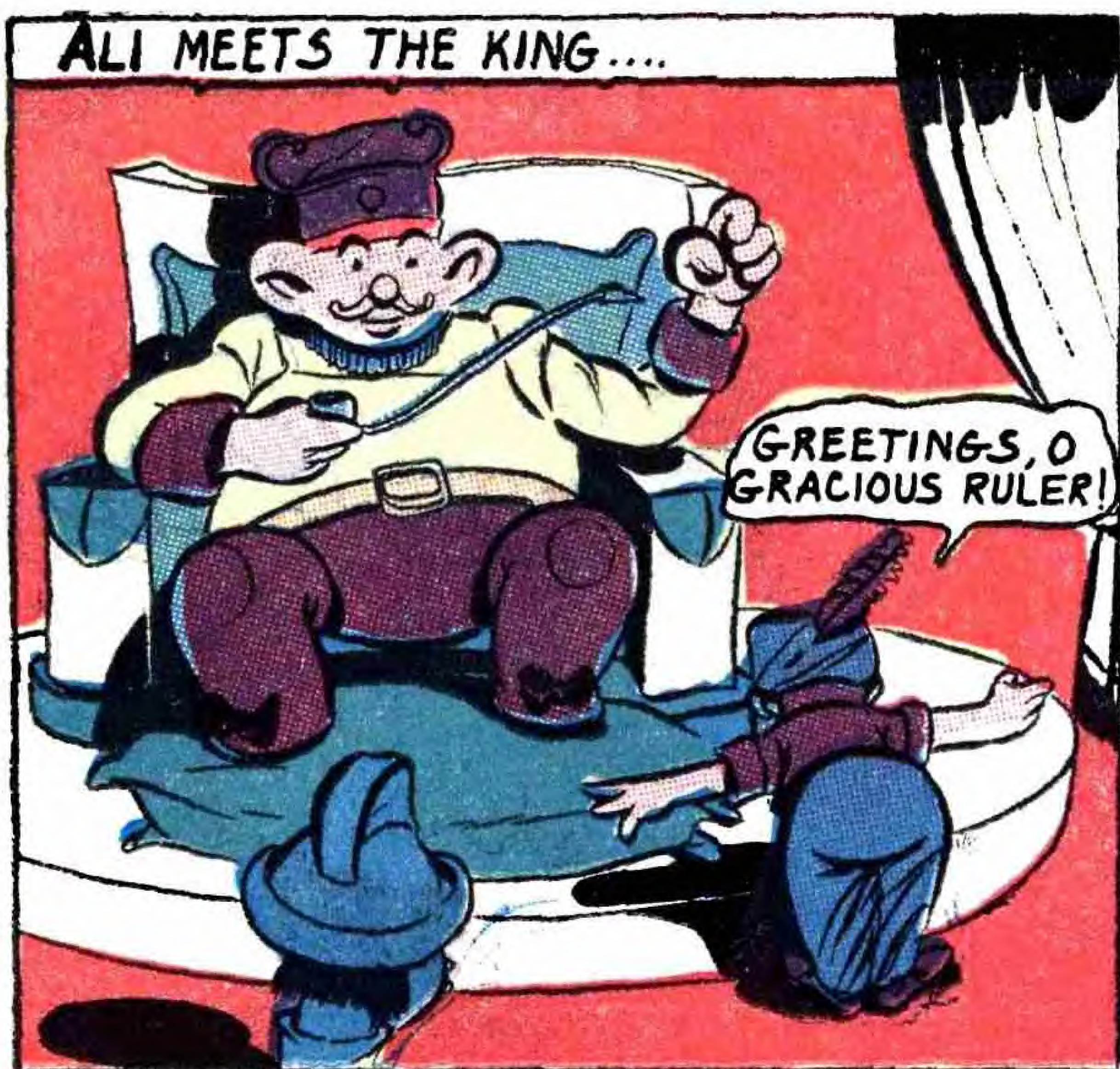
PEACE BE ON THEE, BROTHER! WHO ART THOU AND WHAT IS THY BUSINESS HERE?

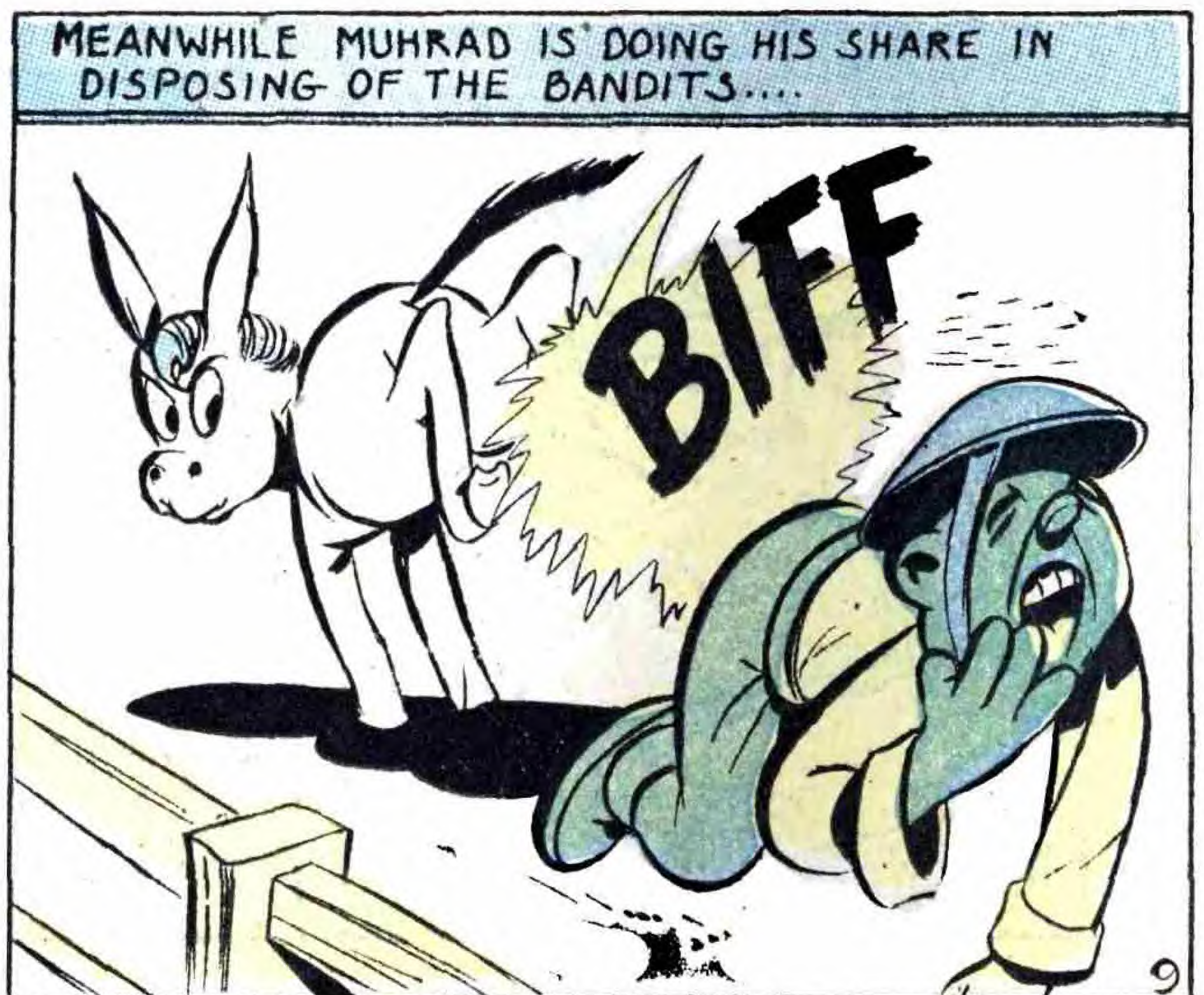
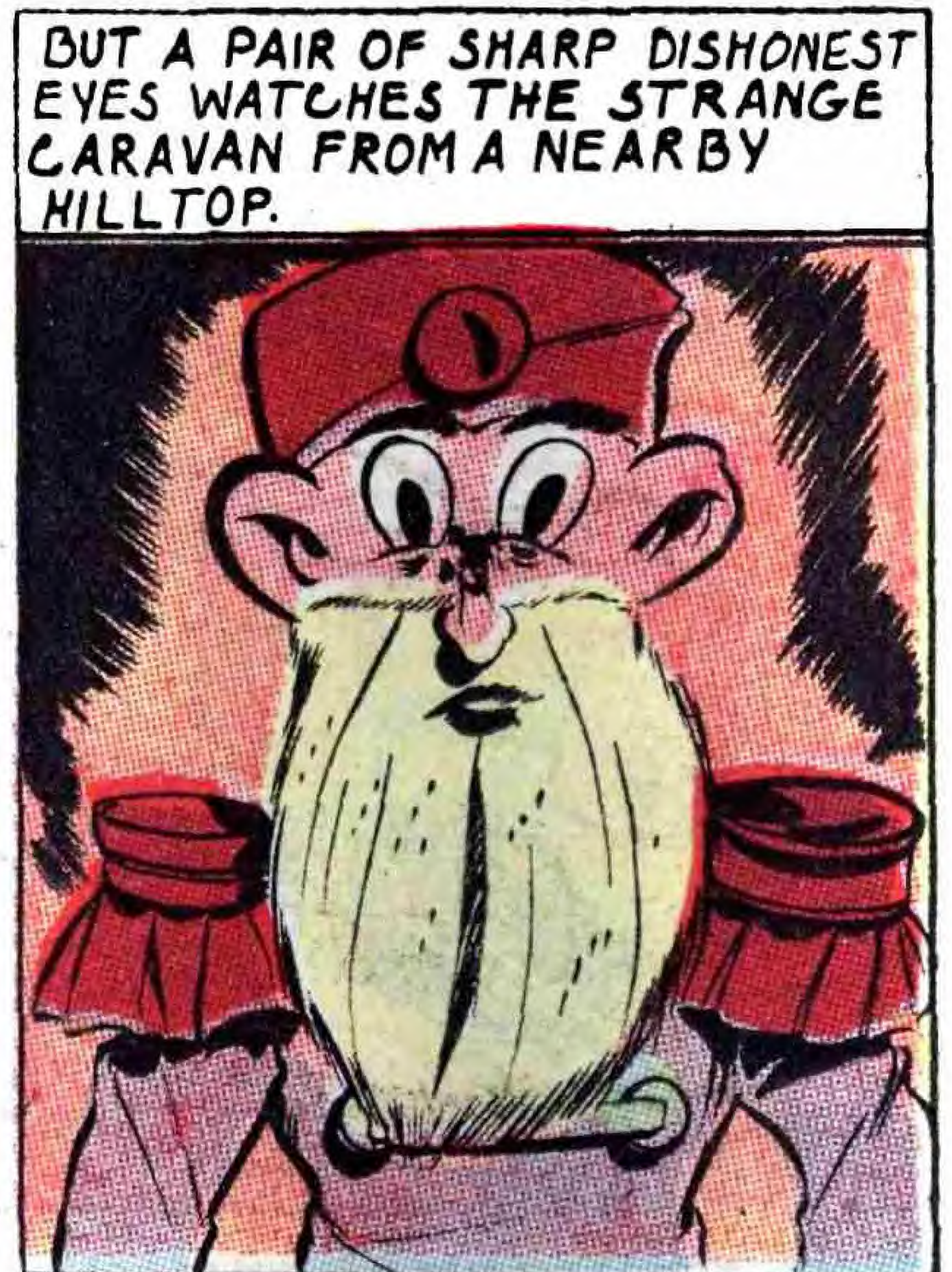
THE CAVE... I MUST HAVE BUMPED MY HEAD!



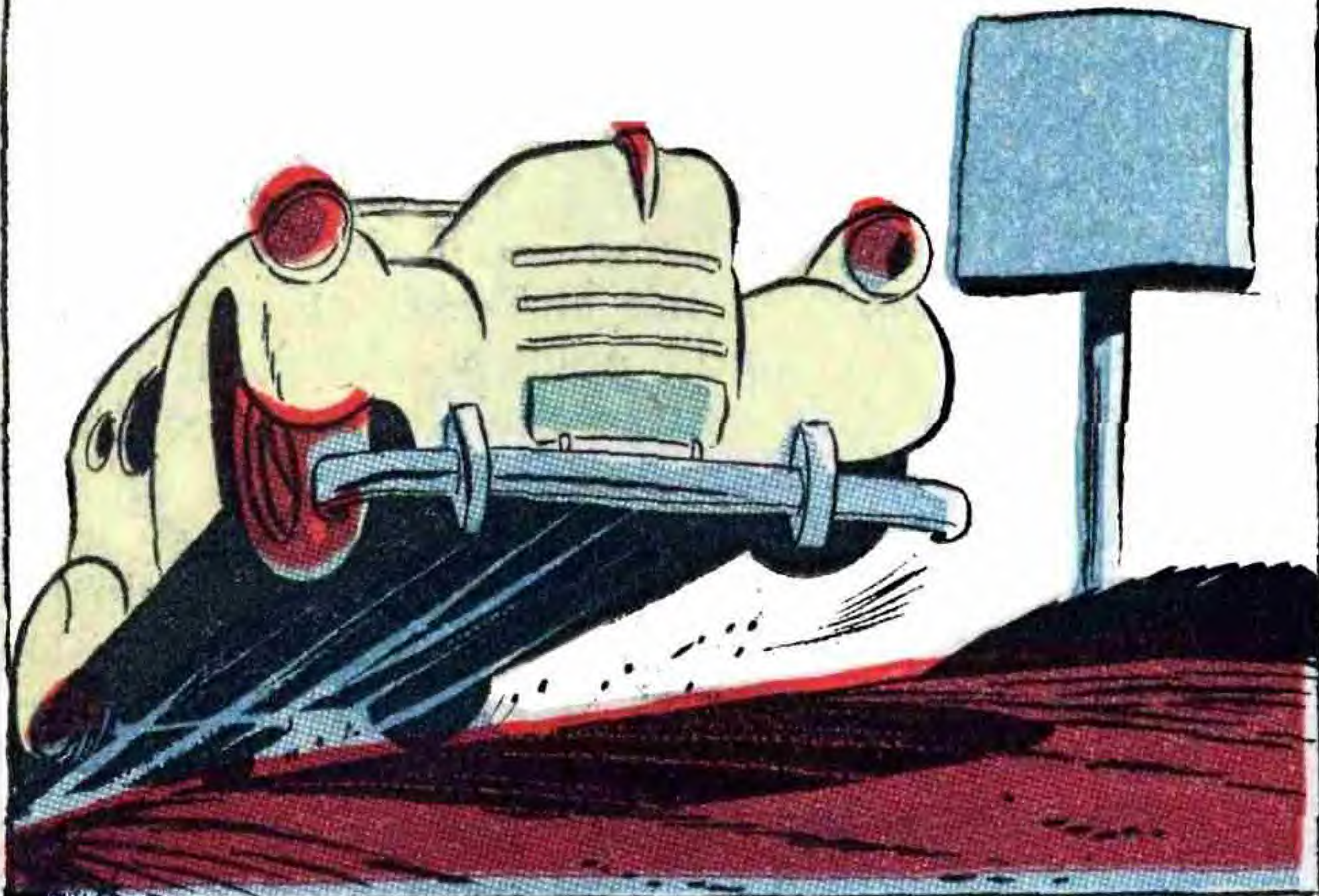
THEY PROCEEDED TO TAKE HIM TO THEIR KING...





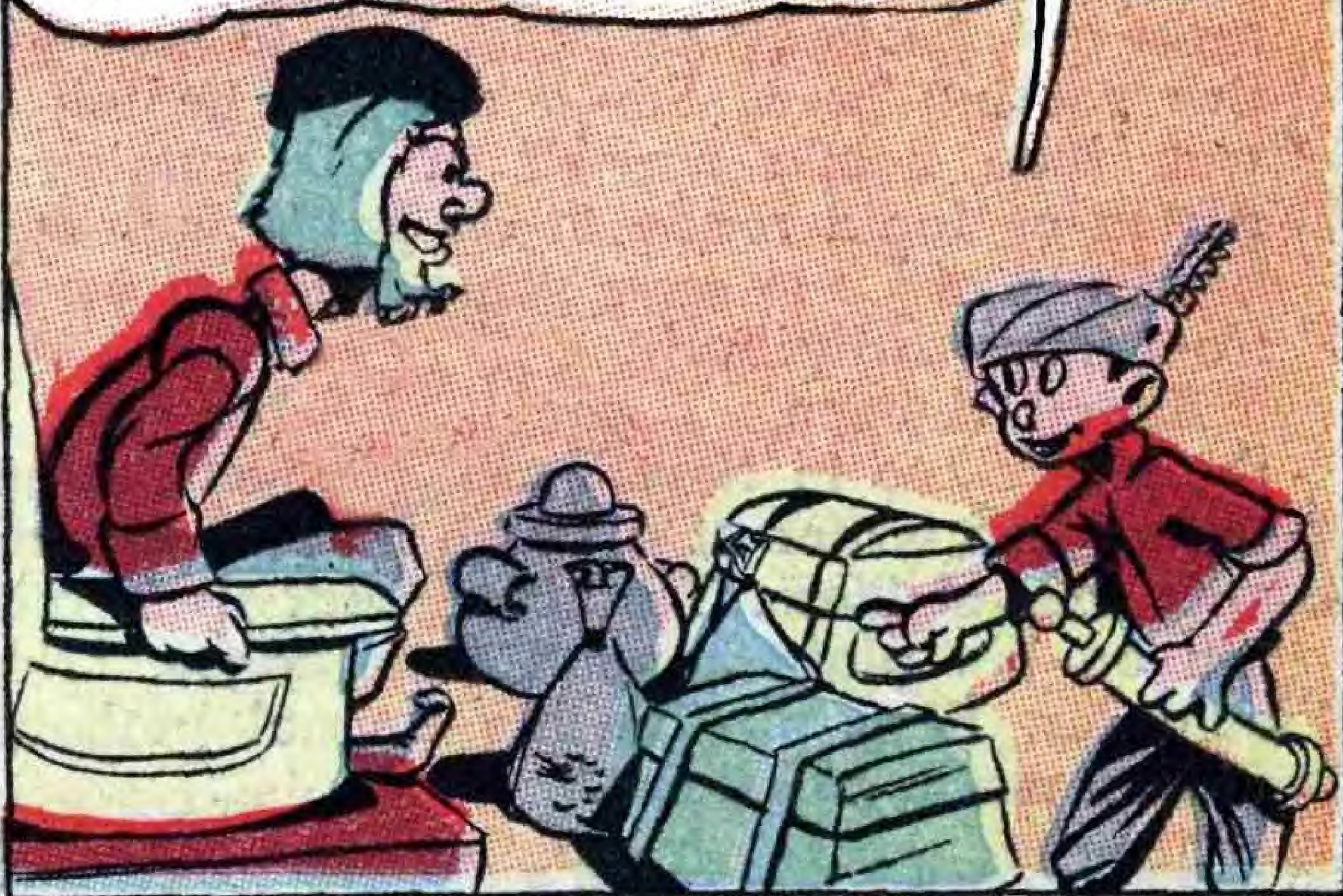


THE BANDITS OUT OF THE WAY, ALI'S STRANGE CARAVAN CONTINUES ON ITS WAY TO THE CITY OF BAGHDAD.



ALI BABA PRESENTS HIMSELF BEFORE HARUN EL-RASHID, CALIPH OF BAGHDAD.

PLEASE ACCEPT THESE GIFTS, O HONORABLE CALIPH, AS MEMENTOES OF MY TRAVELS.....

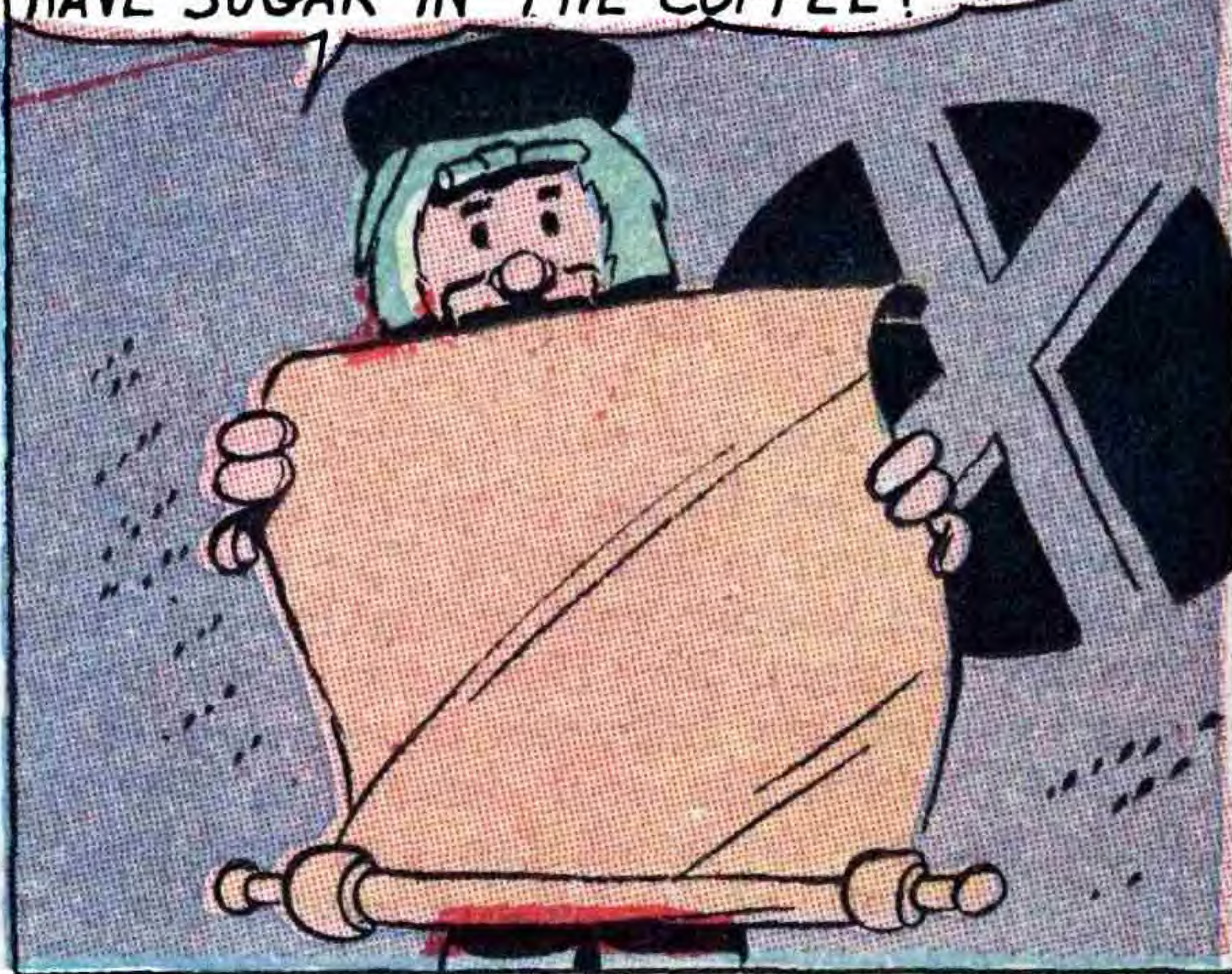


I BEAR WITH ME A MESSAGE FOR THEE FROM THE KING OF SARANDIB.

A MESSAGE FROM THE KING?? QUICK! LET ME READ IT!!



GADZOOKS! I HAVE JUST BEEN INVITED BY THE KING OF SARANDIB TO ATTEND A CLASS REUNION. HE PROMISES TO HAVE SUGAR IN THE COFFEE!



SO WITH THE CALIPH'S BLESSINGS, ALI IS SENT HOME WHERE HE DISPLAYS HIS TREASURES BEFORE HIS WIFE, TUITI....

LOOK WHAT I BROUGHT YOU, MY LOVE!

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CLUTTER UP THE HOUSE WITH THAT JUNK... WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN??! BLA!BLA!

SEE FOLKS! I KNEW WHAT SHE'D SAY... WOMEN, BAH!!



Adventures With Live Lions in New York City

Adventures with live lions in New York City? This writer never imagined that he would encounter such thrills near the crowded tenements of the Bronx section of New York. But most unexpectedly he came face to face with five roaring lions. For a moment he felt he was Blue Beetle himself in the jungles of Africa or India ready to do battle with wild beasts in order to save some innocent person from a cowardly bully.

Robert Hansen, keeper of five big lions at the Bronx Zoo in New York, had just finished telling this writer of a brush he had recently with one of them. We could hear them roaring on the plain beyond their cages. "No," said Mr. Hansen, "the big animal probably did not mean any harm."

In the Lion's Mouth

Nevertheless, Mr. Hansen's wrist showed where a big chunk of his flesh had been clawed. Then, continuing with his story in response to my questions, he explained:

The lions had come in from the big field where they roam during the day. At 3 p. m. they usually get their only meal — 10 to 12 pounds of horse flesh — in their cages. One big bone did not get in all the way through the opening of the cage and Mr. Hansen stooped to shove it in with his hand so that his African boarder would enjoy a full meal.

Suddenly he heard a growl and felt the fang of a lion in his wrist. The big cat had thought his keeper was trying to take away the horse meat. Mr. Hansen's mind flashed over all of his intimate knowledge of the beasts' habits. His cool conclusion was that if he moved his hand, the lion would rip it off. So, in spite of the pain of having his hand in the lion's mouth, he just kept it there. The animal gradually withdrew his teeth and went all out for the horse's bone.

Just as he finished telling this story, the keeper turned to this reporter and asked:

"Would you like a special break? Would you like to get a closer view of my lions?"

"Sure," I replied, even though I could clearly see the big cats beyond their empty cages on the adjoining plain.

The following second, the keeper opened a door next to the last cage and exclaimed: "Step right here!"

And the next second, I was on the plain where the five lions were roaming. There was nothing between the beasts and me but my breath. Behind me was the keeper with nothing more than a bamboo pole.

I was startled because I never expected to duplicate the Bible story I read as a child of Daniel in the Lion's Den.

"Let us take a walk among the lions," suggested the keeper in an unexciting tone, "and you will get better acquainted with their habits."

Shaky Courage

My rather snaky courage advised me hurriedly that I might become too well acquainted with the inside of the stomach of one of the lions and I declined politely. After all I had to admit, I didn't have the dashing boldness of Blue Beetle. And besides, if one of the big cats took a notion that I would make a good dessert, who would help to keep the world informed of the exploits of Blue Beetle while he was so busy ridding the world of cunning bullies?

So, while not exactly cutting a brave or graceful figure, I stepped back briskly behind the open door and slammed it shut with vigor — as soon as Mr. Hansen smilingly followed me back to perfect safety.

The truth was, that the lions did not seem especially interested in me when I ventured onto their field. They acted as would a herd of cows when one sets foot on their pasture. Except that cattle do not utter such deep and impressive roars.

"Why wasn't I as courageous as Mr. Hansen?" I reproached myself as I thought of the apparently indifferent action of the big cats and of the safety of the strong door that had now shut between them and me.

Most Dangerous Game Animal

Then I recalled what famous hunters have always agreed upon—that the lion is the most dangerous game animal the hunter can face; that when his tricky temper is aroused, he becomes a fighting demon. So I finally decided that it would be wiser to keep asking Mr. Hansen more questions about his boarders than to go out again on their roaming field to get personally acquainted with them. Mr. Hansen patiently continued to tell me most interesting things about his animals; just as he would entertain his young son, who loves to read exciting adventures in such so-called comic books as Blue Beetle.

The five lions on the Bronx plain each weigh between 400 and 450 pounds. They are all males and each one is between 5½ and 6 years old. Long before the War began to give some popularity to horse meat, they ate only that. Why? Simply because it is cheap—6 cents a pound—and price is an item when it is considered that each animal eats between 10 and 12 pounds at each meal. Fortunately, they are fed only once a day. The lions also got ahead of present patriots, who observe one meatless

day a week. The big cats do not eat anything on Monday. Most likely if they had their choice, they would not skip a meal. But those who know them best, have figured out that they ought to fast once a week.

Feast and Famine

This fasting comes close to their habits in the wild state. When they are wild, they can not depend upon a regular dinner bell. When they are lucky and have plenty of game, they gorge themselves. Sometimes a big animal will eat as much as 200 pounds of meat at one sitting in Africa. Then his luck may turn; game becomes temporarily scarce, and he starves for a time. Through countless generations, the lion has become used to Nature's feasts and famines. Of course, an old wild lion, who has lost many teeth or has lost its vigor as the result of rheumatism or the ills of old age, may starve for long periods at a time because it is not quick and strong enough to hunt its usual game. Sometimes such animals become man-killers simply because it is easier to eat a man than to bite through the tough hide of cattle and other animals. But that is another story in itself.

Though lions are so fierce when hunting or when angered, nevertheless they have their weaknesses as do people. Now and then at the Zoo they become run down. Why? Partly because though they have a large plain on which to roam and are not shut up in cages day after day, nevertheless they do not live in their normal wild state, where they act in accordance with Nature's laws.

Sometimes one of the reasons they become run down is that a stronger animal grabs so much food away from a weaker lion, that the latter becomes under-nourished. Then, not infrequently, the animals suffer from indigestion. Sometimes they go about curing themselves as dogs do by eating grass. Lions lick their own hides and get hold of several long hairs from their manes and swallow them. This helps a sluggish digestion.

Lions' Good Points

Usually though, the table manners of the Bronx lions are not very bad. They will squabble over the first hunk of horse meat thrown to them but not too much, for they know from experience that more will be coming right away and that each animal will have his just share. So as soon as a lion gets his meat he runs away and his pals do not bother him.

Once in a while a lion becomes too excited during feeding time for its own good. Superintendent Hollister of the National Zoological Park, tells of a female lion who died from choking. She was a hasty eater and bolted her food. Once a large piece of meat lodged in her throat and she died before help could be given her.

What do Mr. Hansen and his partner, Bill Dalton, do when their lions become run down? They give them milk and cod liver oil. How they love that! But no mention was made of spinach. Even if the wild beasts roam on a plain within sight of large tenement houses and even if they have learned to crave cod liver oil, they refuse to be further civilized with spinach.

After their big meal they are inclined to be rather drowsy and want to be at peace with the world. As a matter of fact, this most savage of animals often is far more decent than many human beings. A lion when he is not hungry will not kill for the fun of it as many human hunters do. A lion when not hungry will not fight and will not bother other living things, even though he is King of Beasts.

Does the lion, whom men for centuries have termed the King of Beasts really regard himself as such? Yes, in the opinion of Mr. Hansen. The big cat really feels and acts his part. But at the same time he knows that his keeper is boss.

The moat that separates the lions' plain from human spectators and other animals, is 22 feet wide and 20 feet deep. This guarantees that spectators will not be attacked by a lion breaking loose. At the same time it allows the big cats to roam around outdoors in fair weather as they do in their natural state. They are not shut up in cages as in other zoos. This great advance was introduced at the Bronx Park three years ago. As stated before, five full-grown male lions enjoy this open field.

Pushed Into the Pit

Why all males together? Well, if a couple of females were in the group, the jealous lions would fight so fiercely that some of the males would kill each other and also kill the females. But at the old-fashioned lion house quite a distance away, there is one female and two male lions. But they are in big separate cages. And adjoining them in other cages are tigers and leopards.

The lions are so sure-footed, that they never fall into the moat surrounding their open field. But sometimes they are pushed in, when in the course of a fight with their pals. In that case, although the bottom of the pit is 30 feet from the top, the big cat retains his primeval trait. He always lands on his feet after such a fall.

This moat has a runway that connects with the cages of the lions. It was at the entrance to this runway that this non-heroic reporter was led by the lion keeper and thus came face to face with the beasts.

Is a lion afraid of any other living animal? Can it lick any living animal? In the next true story you will read what the lion-keeper thinks of these questions.

Comin' in!

NEXT MONTH

A "BAMG UP"

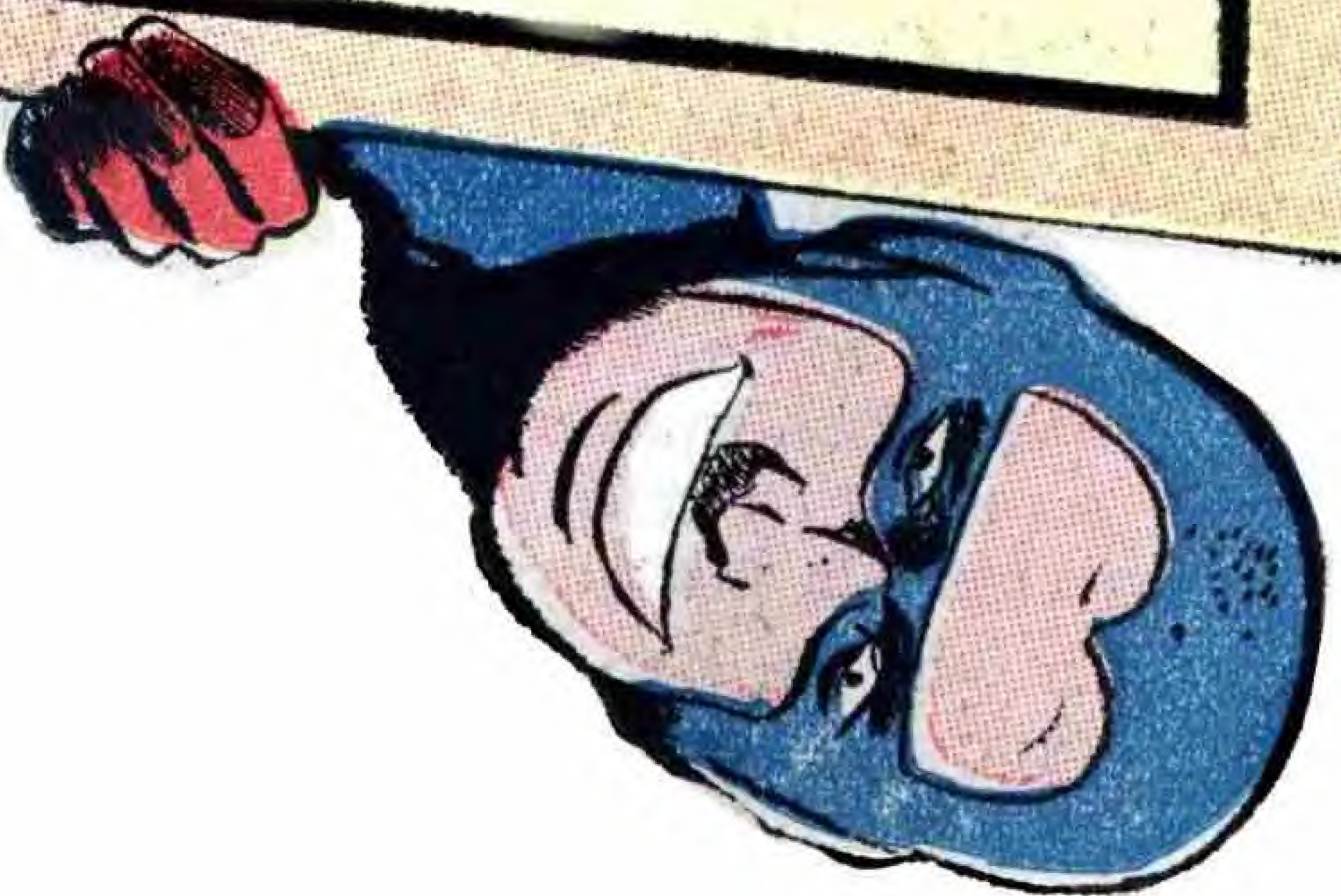
Issue of BLUE BEETLE Comics

DON'T MISS IT...

NEW FEATURES...

GEE

BURP



CRIME REPORTER

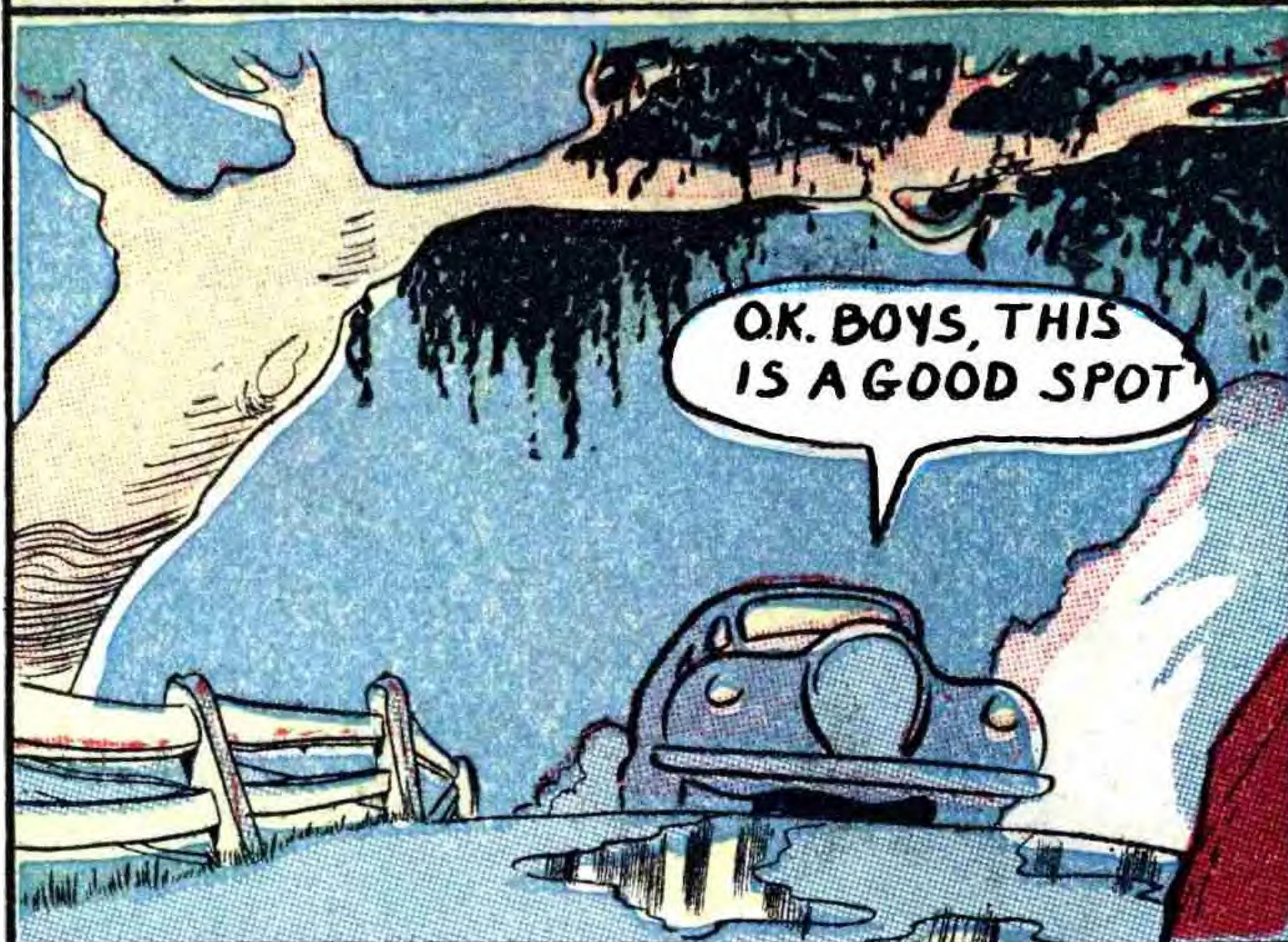
BEWARE... This WOMAN is DEATH



THIS IS THE STORY OF BIG MIKE DOLAN.
FOLLOW IT CLOSELY AND WATCH HOW A
WOMAN CAUSED THE DEATH OF THIS
FAMOUS UNDERWORLD CHARACTER.



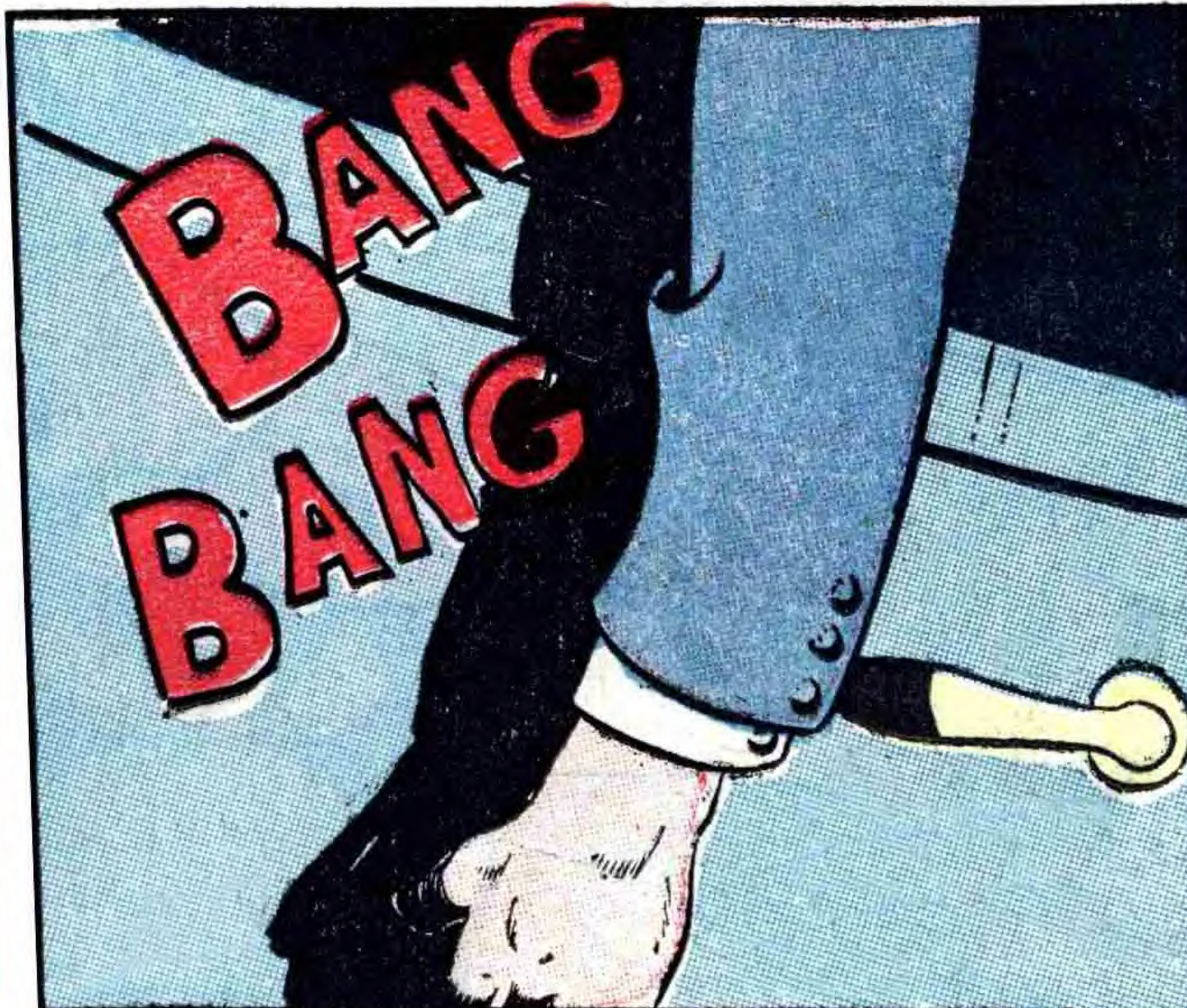
ALONG A DARK LONELY ROAD LATE AT
NIGHT, A CAR MOVES VERY SLOWLY----



NOW, WAIT A MINUTE,
BOYS! I CAN EX-
PLAIN EVERYTHING.
IT WAS ALL KAY'S
IDE ----



BANG
BANG



HA! THE RAT!
NOW HE BLAMES
IT ON KAY----
DUMP HIM OUT
HERE!

RIGHT,
BOSS!



HE'LL NEVER
STEAL ANOTHER
MAN'S GIRL!
HA! HA!



HEY!

THIS IS THE
END OF THE
STORY----
OF COURSE!
WELL! LET'S
TURN THE
PAGE AND
SEE WHAT
REALLY WAS
THE CAUSE
OF THIS
MAN'S
DEATH.

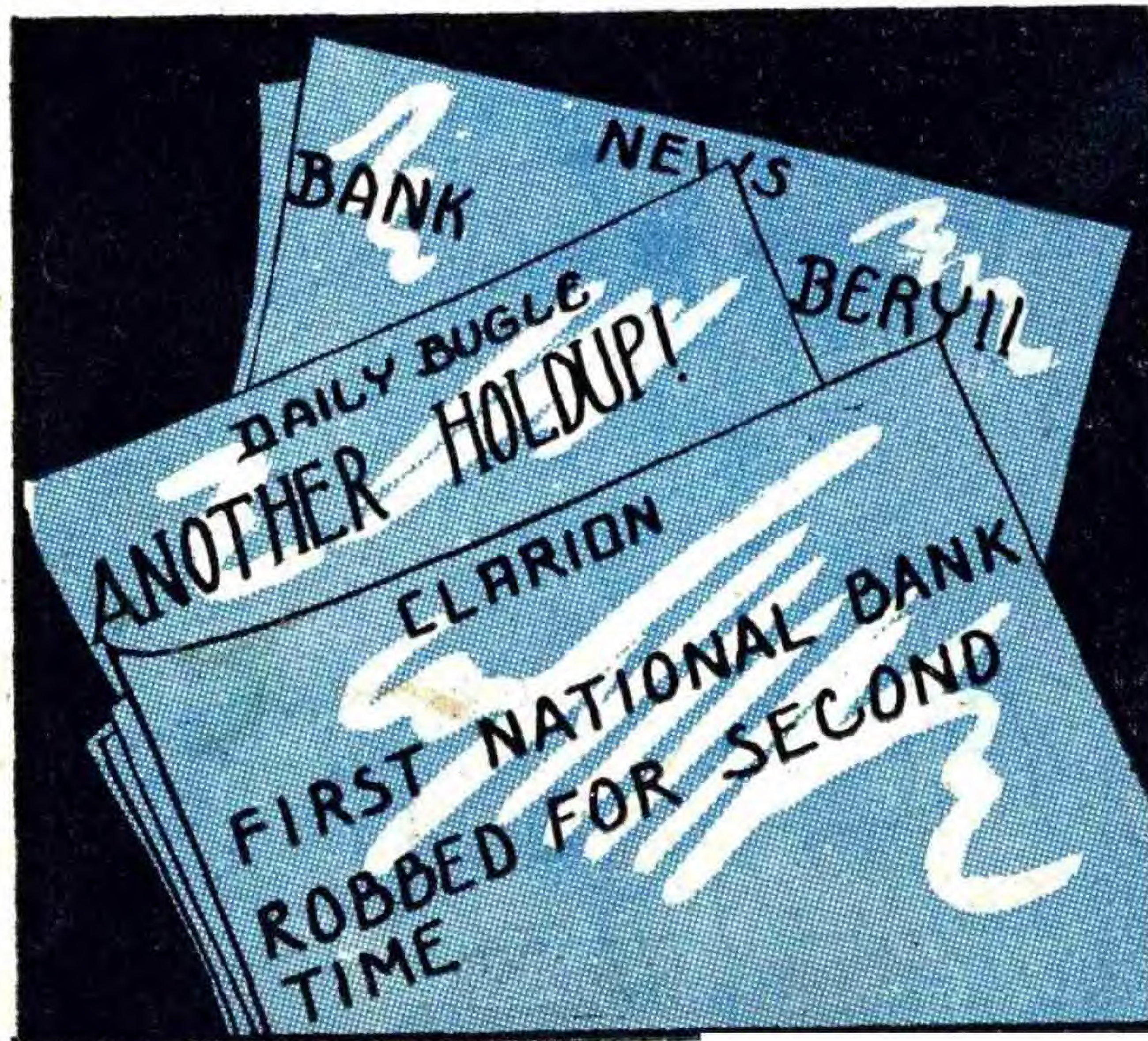
IN A DELAPIDATED ROOMING HOUSE IN EAST CHICAGO, THREE MEN GATHER FOR A MEETING....



THE FOLLOWING DAY----



IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, THE DOLAN GANG TERRORIZE THE CITY...



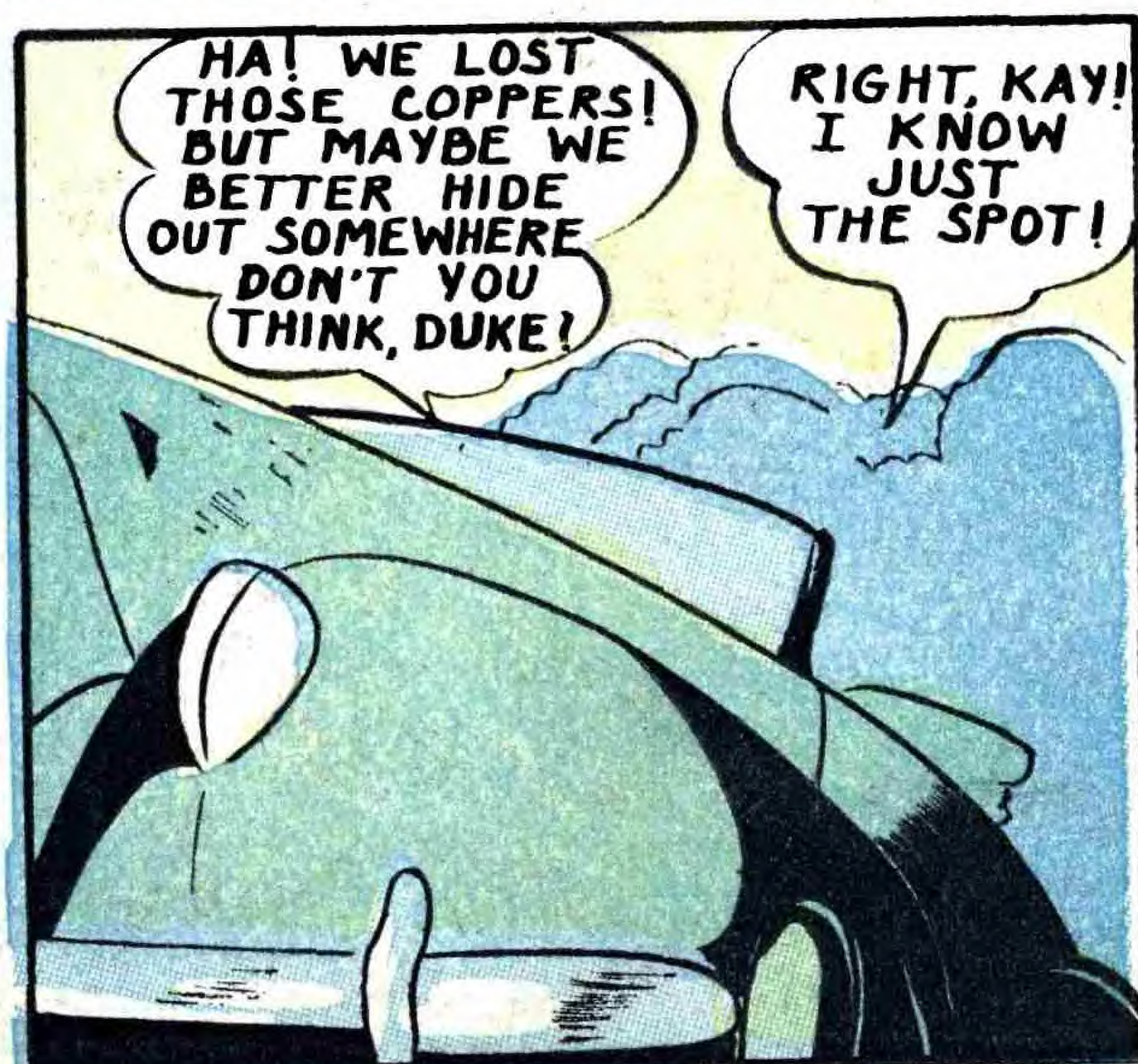
THE FOLLOWING NIGHT IN A CHEAP TAP- ROOM----

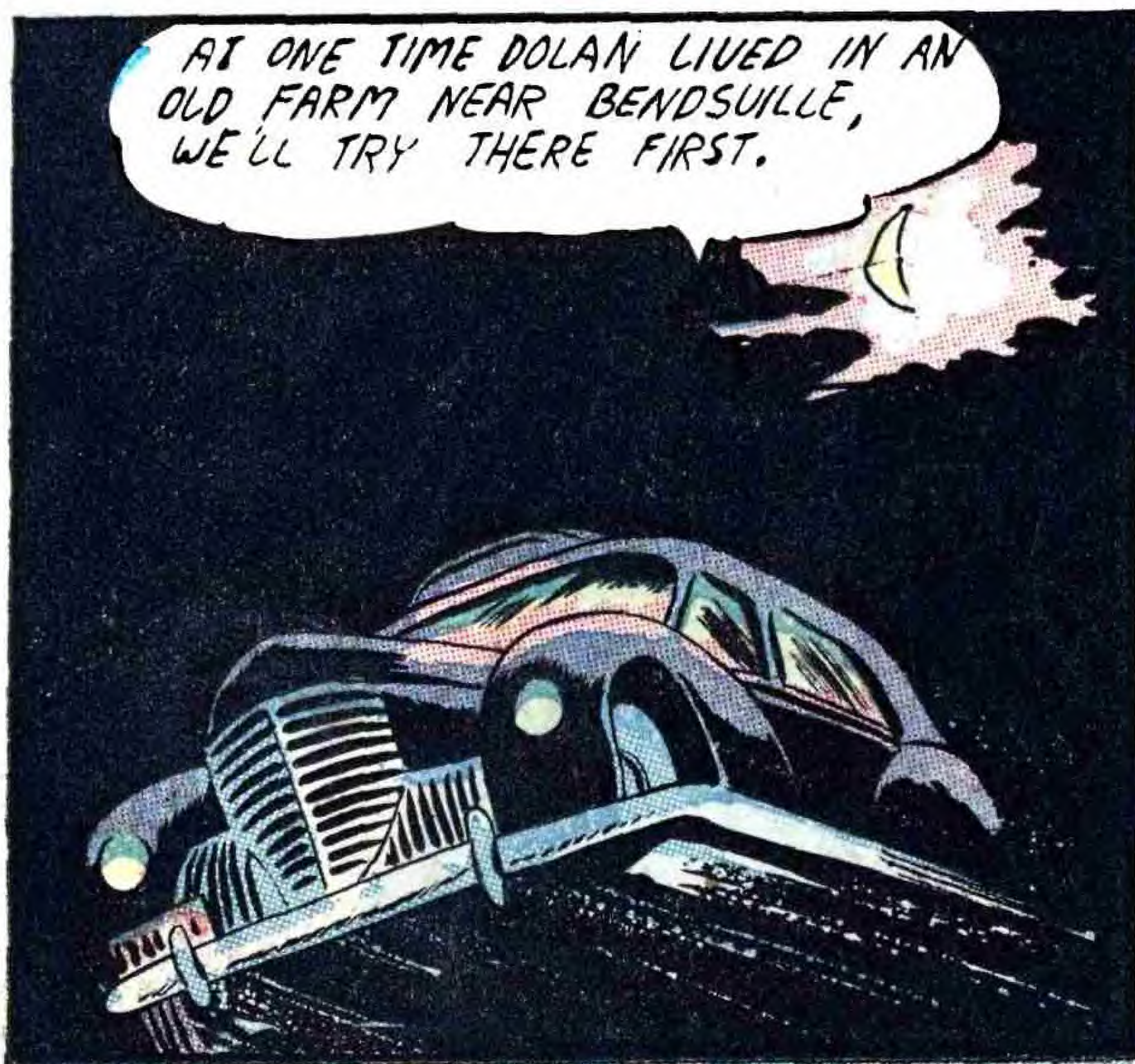
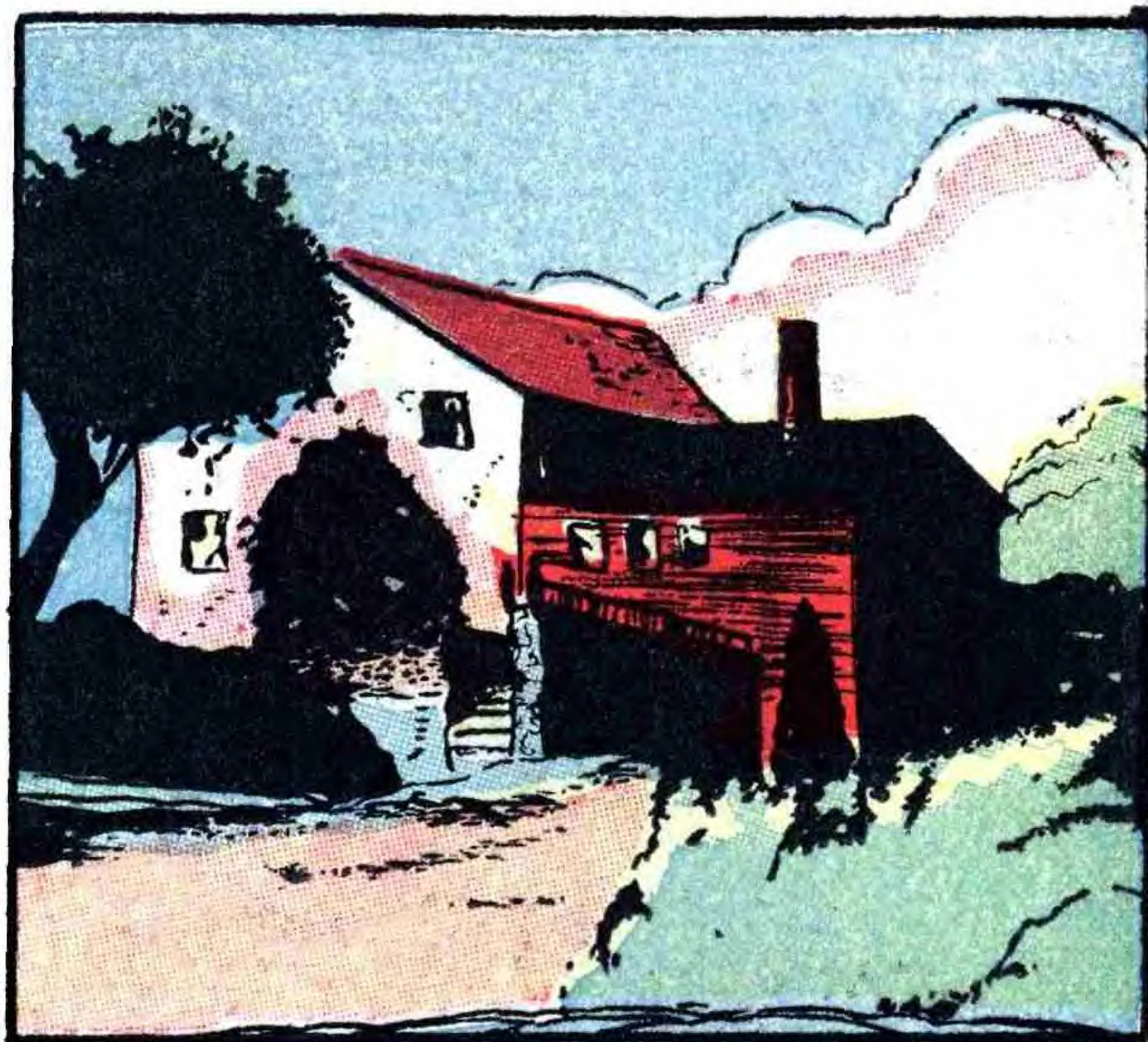
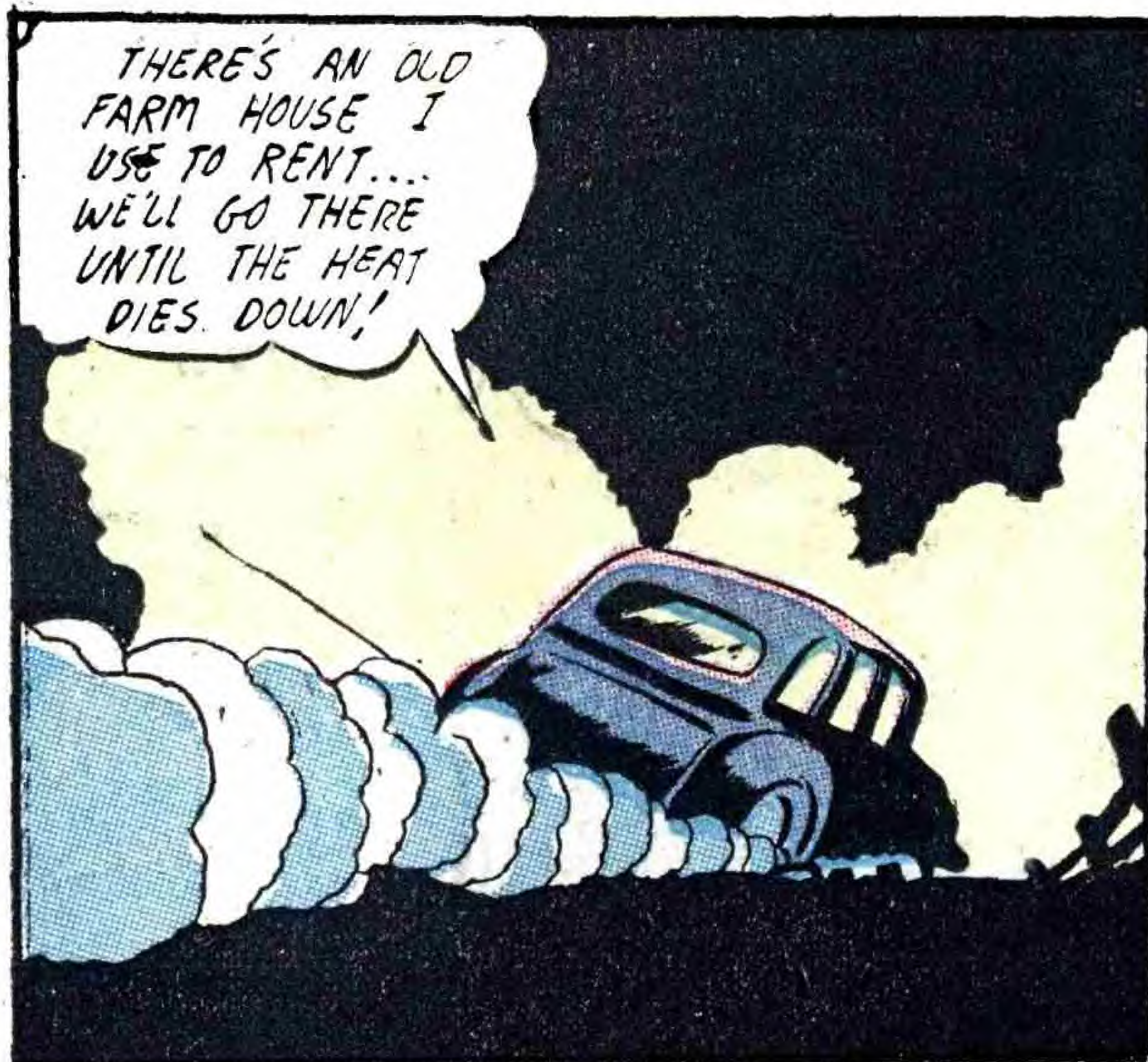


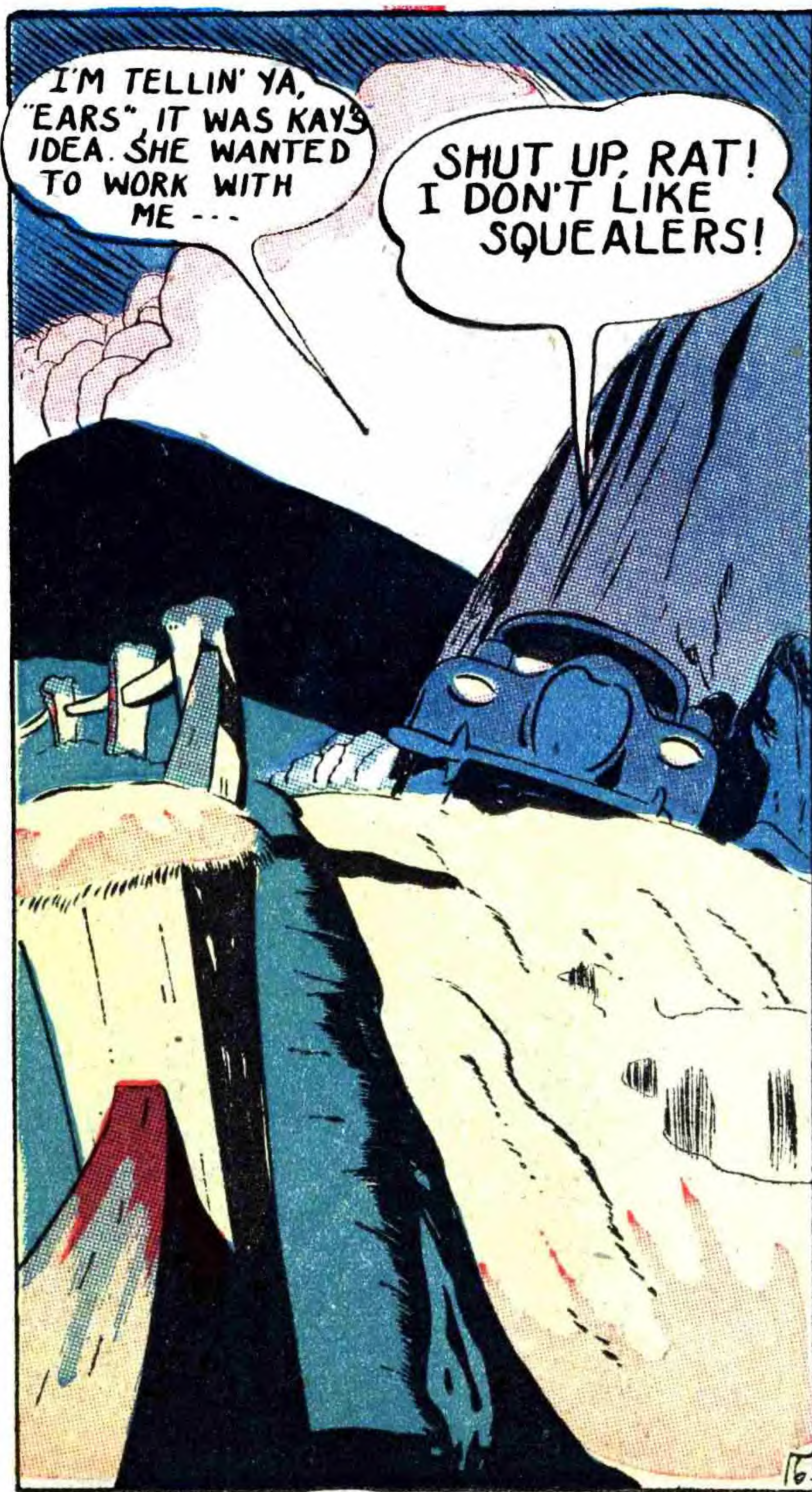
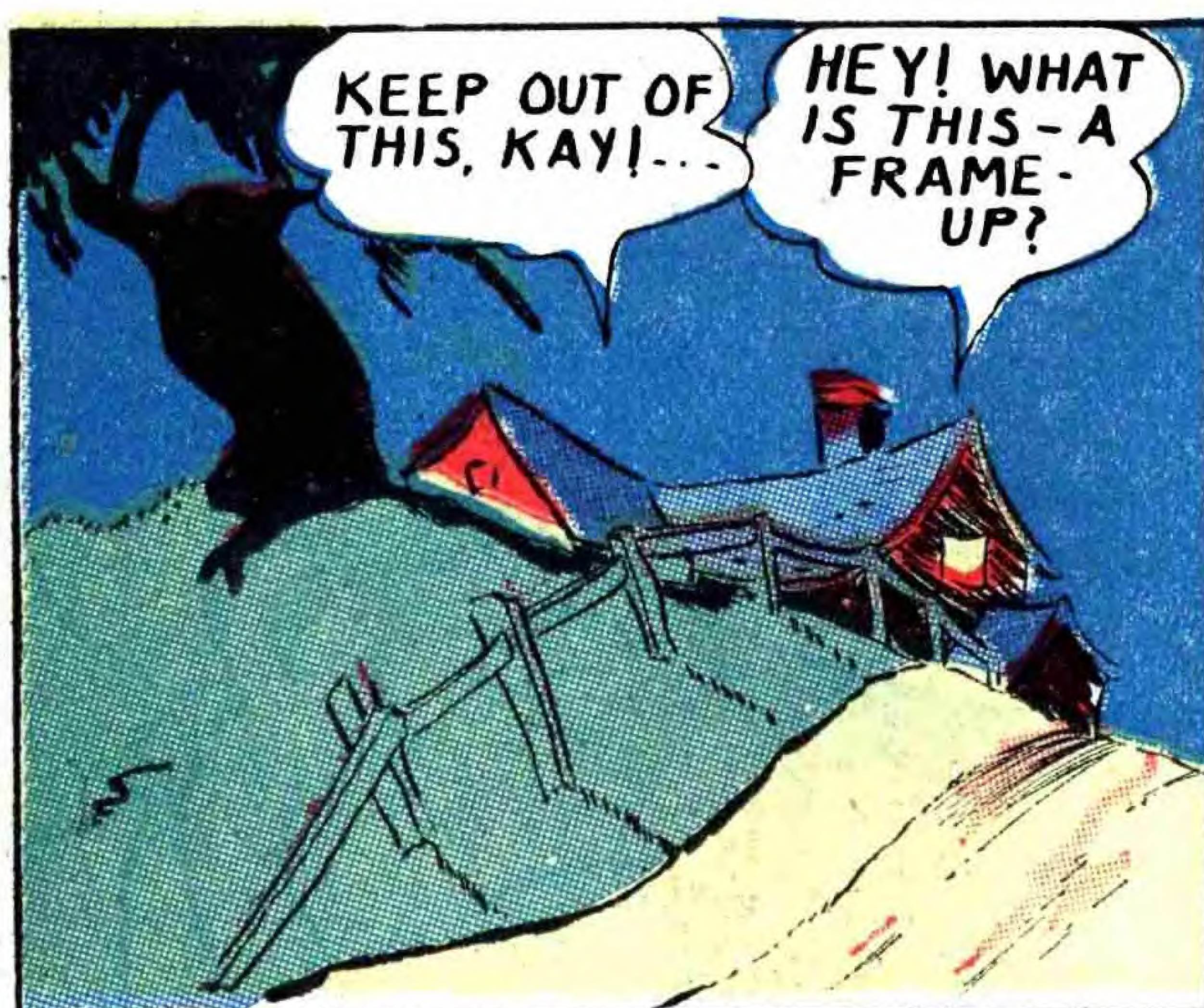


DOLAN AND KAY LET NOTHING STAND IN THEIR WAY. THEIR CRIME CAMPAIGN WAS THE MOST VICIOUS EVER SEEN ANYWHERE.

MORNING EAGLE
POLICE UNABLE TO
CAPTURE DOLAN GANG
F.B.I CALLED IN TO
ASSIST LOCAL POLICE









SO THAT ENDS THE INFAMOUS CARRER OF **MIKE DOLAN**.... The Cause of his Death One,.. **Redhead**

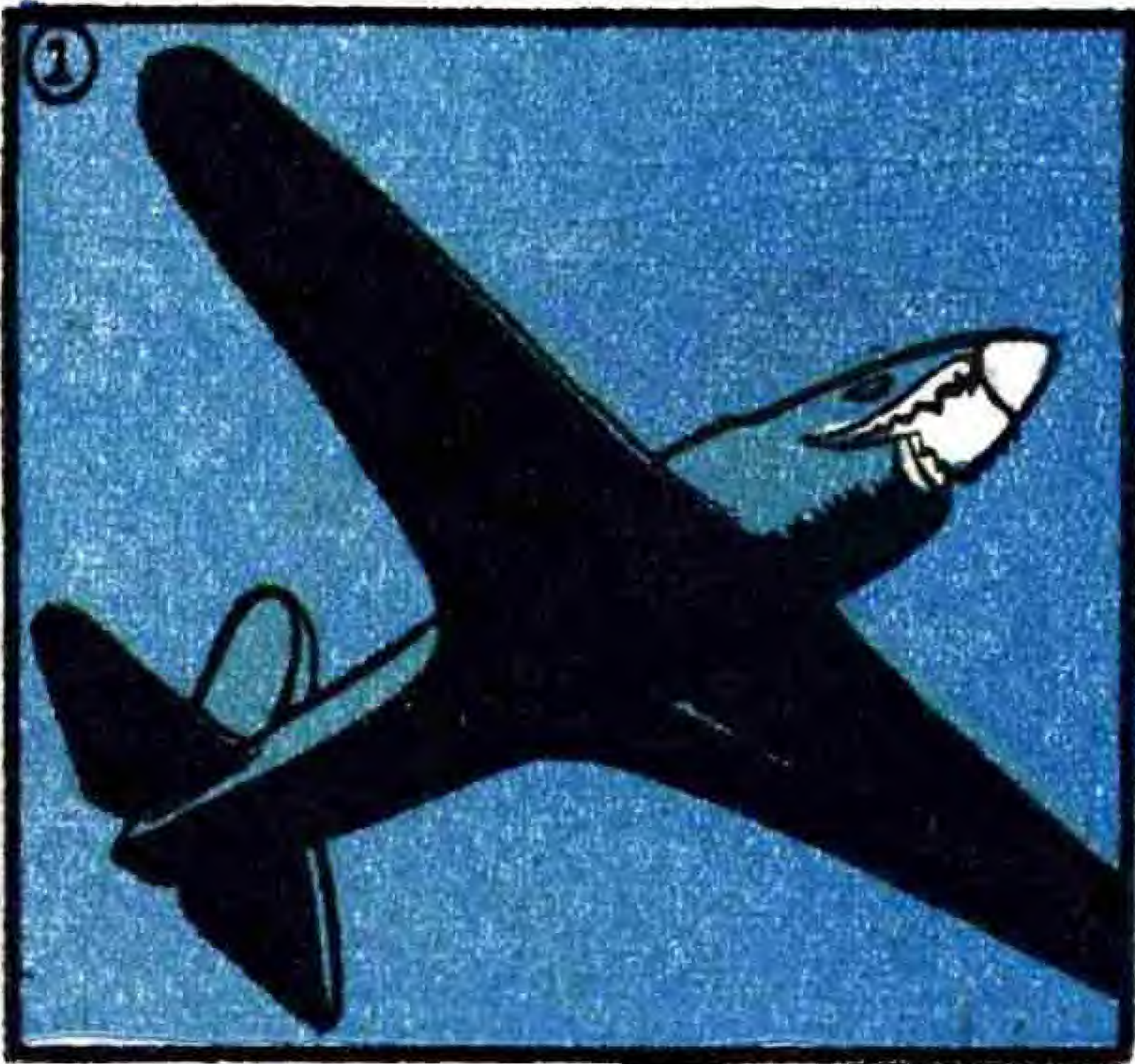
FACTS FROM THE UNDERWORLD

WHEN JOE THE GREASER, A BIG TIME RACKETEER FOUND THAT HE WAS LOSING ALL HIS MEN TO DOPEY BENNY'S MOB, HE DECIDED TO TAKE ACTION... WITH THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF HIS GANG... HE MET BENNY'S MOB AND BULLETS AND SMOKE CHOKED THE AIR BUT BY SOME MIRACLE NO ONE WAS KILLED OR WOUNDED...

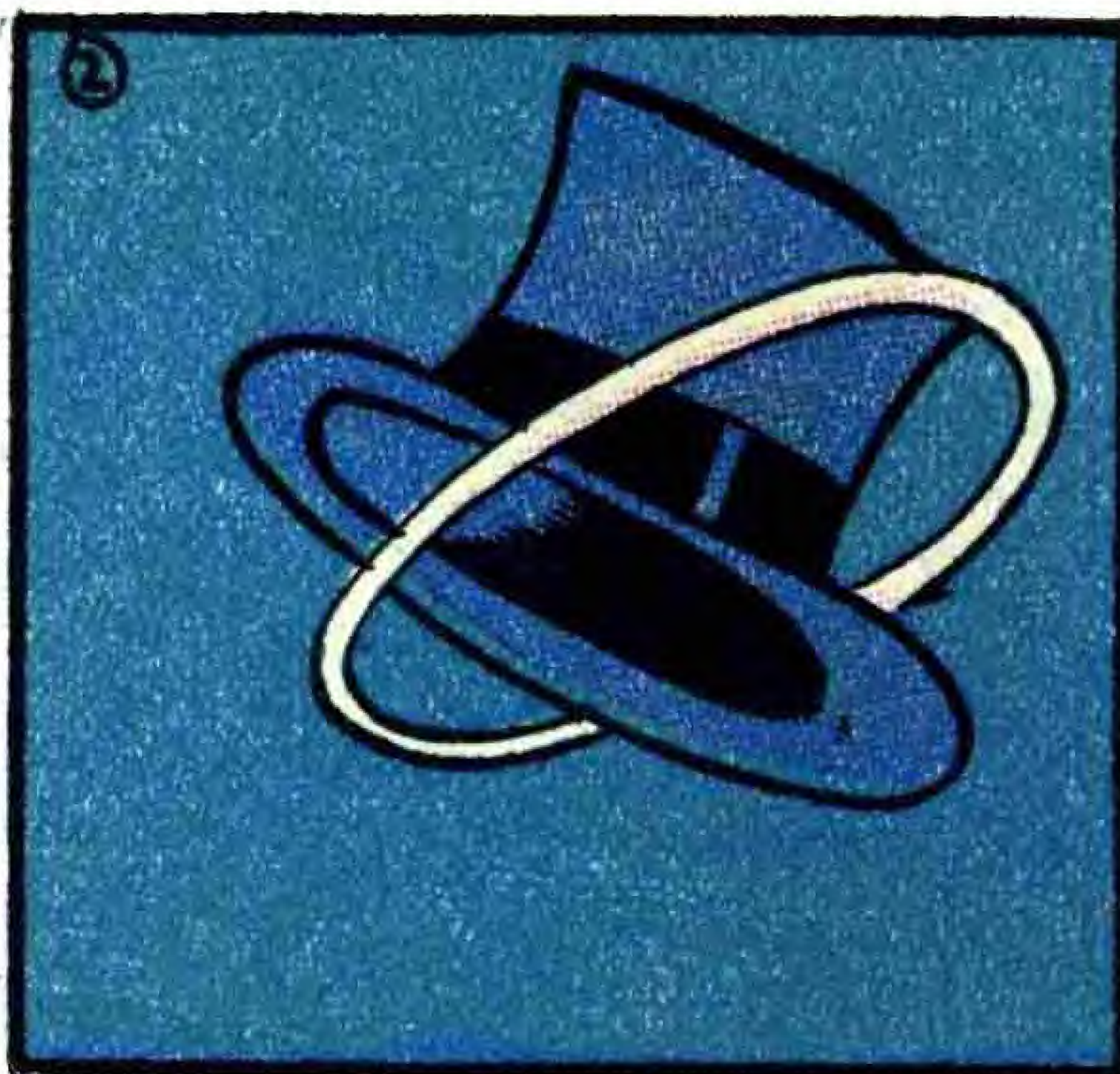


KNOWING THAT A HENCHMEN NAMED JAWBACH WAS BEHIND TAKING HIS MEN, JOE THE GREASER, SENT ONE OF HIS MOBSTERS TO SILENCE HIM... THE MOBSTER MET JAWBACH ON A STREET CORNER AND ONLY HAD TIME TO STAB HIM, BEFORE THE POLICE INTERFERED. LATER, AFTER JAWBACH RECOVERED FROM HIS WOUNDS, SIX THUGS SEIZED HIM AND TOOK HIM TO JOE THE GREASER.... WHILE THE GANGSTERS HELD HIM DOWN, JOE CUT LARGE PIECES OUT OF HIS LIPS, THUS SCARING JAWBACH SO BADLY THAT HE LEFT TOWN.

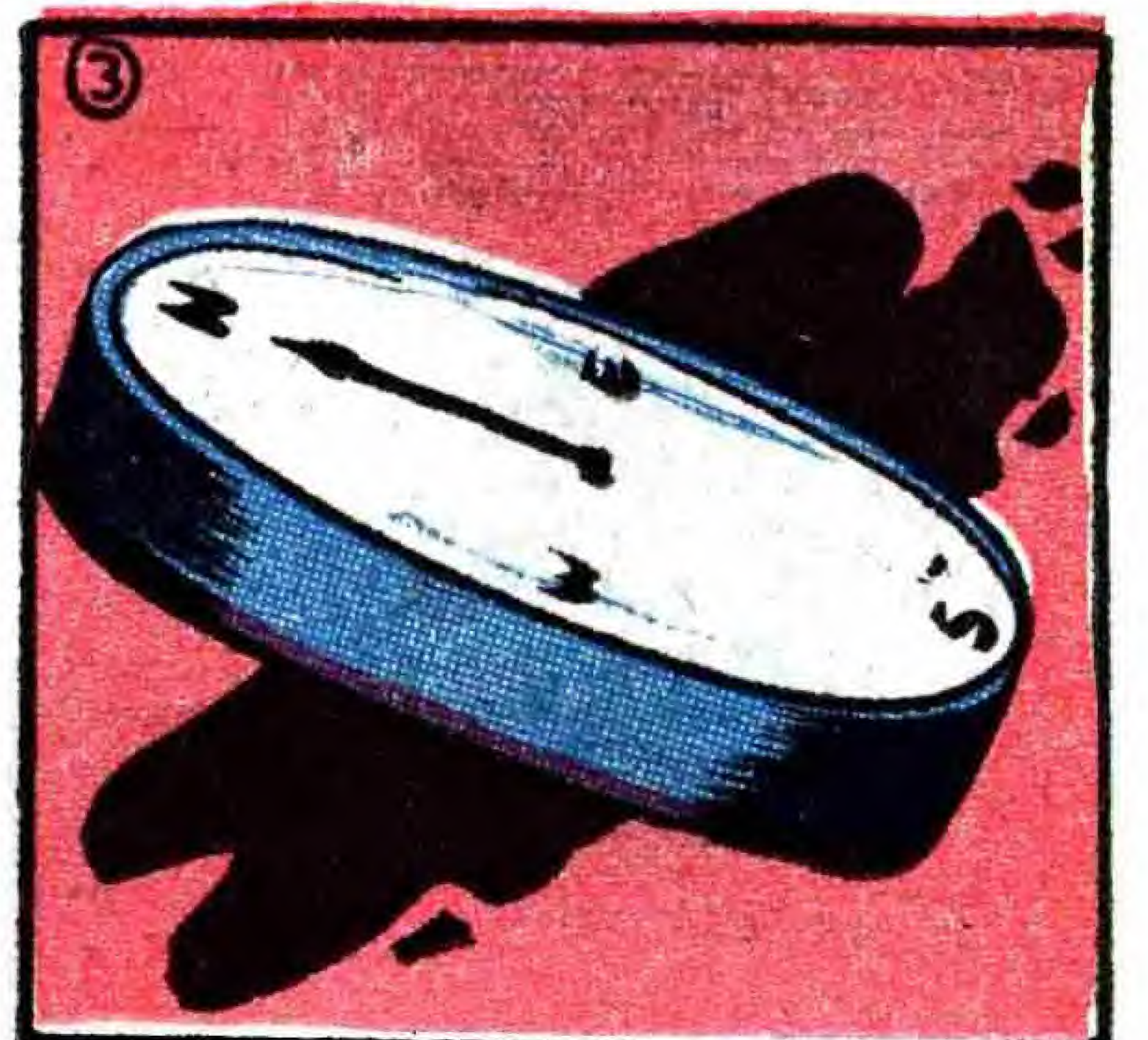
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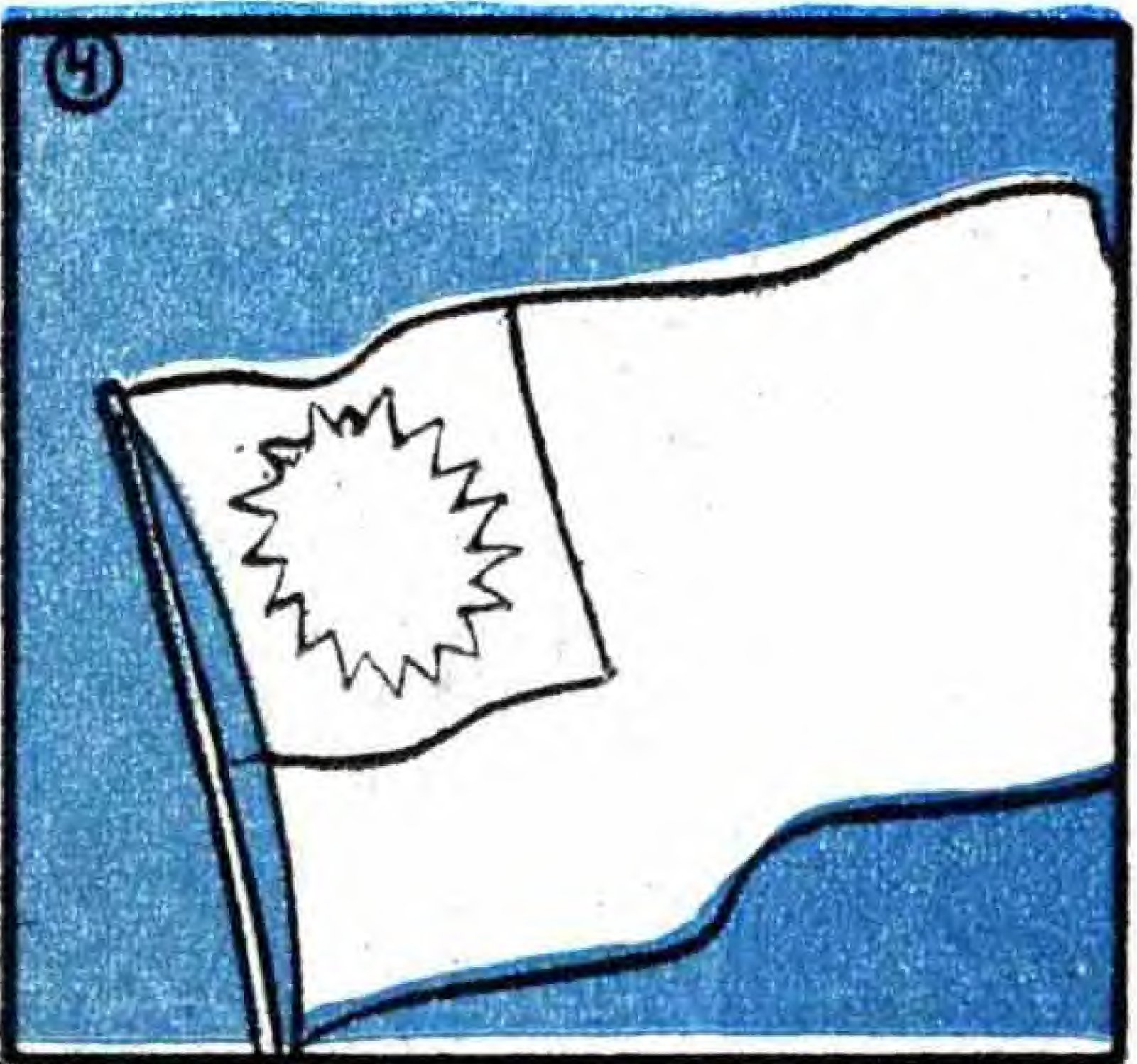
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 1. TIGER PLANE
 2. WAR HAWK
 3. SPITFIRE



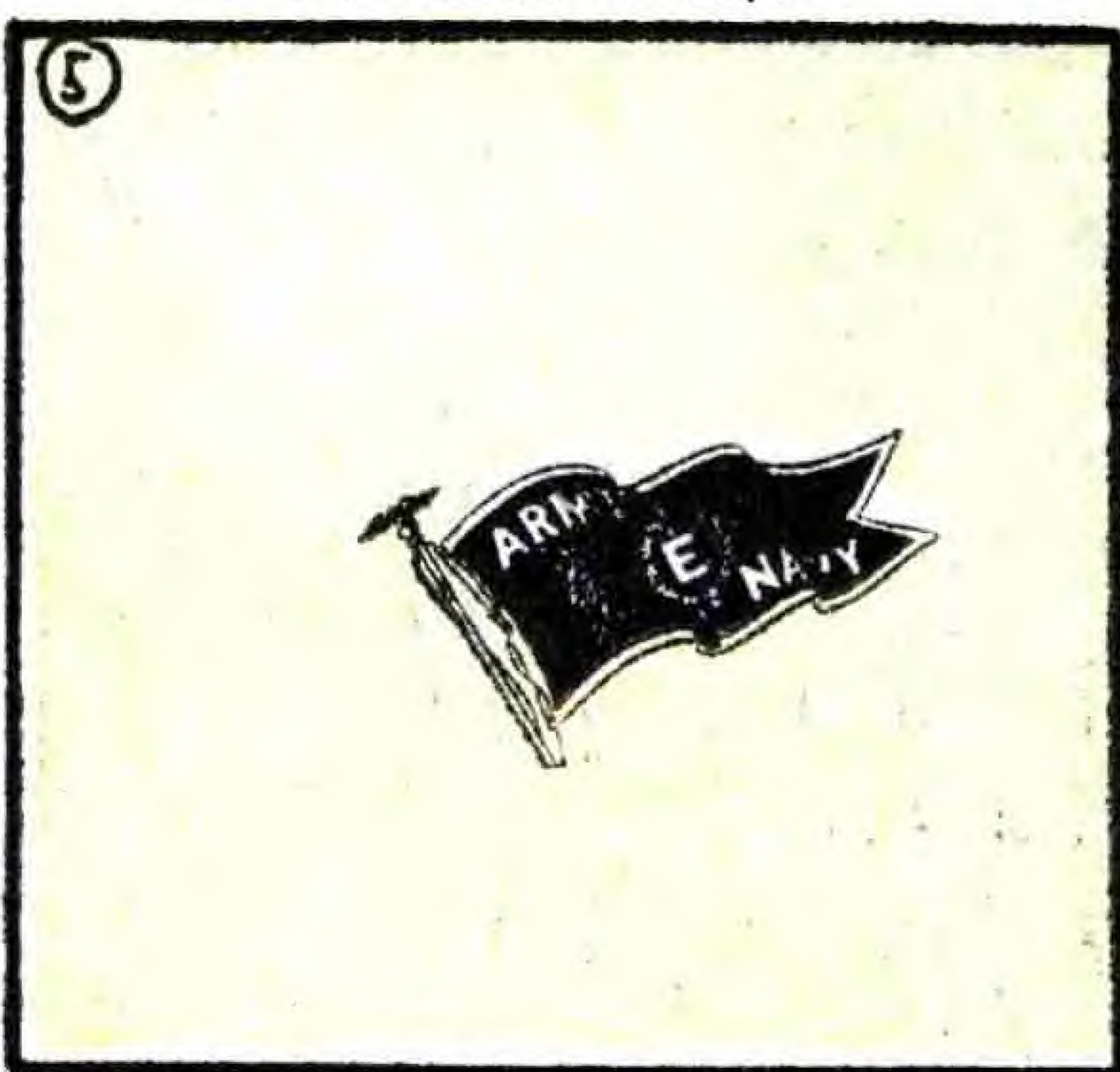
THIS HAT IN THE RING WAS
 THE INSIGNA OF....
 1. JIMMY DOOLITTLE
 2. O'HARE
 3. RICKENBACKER



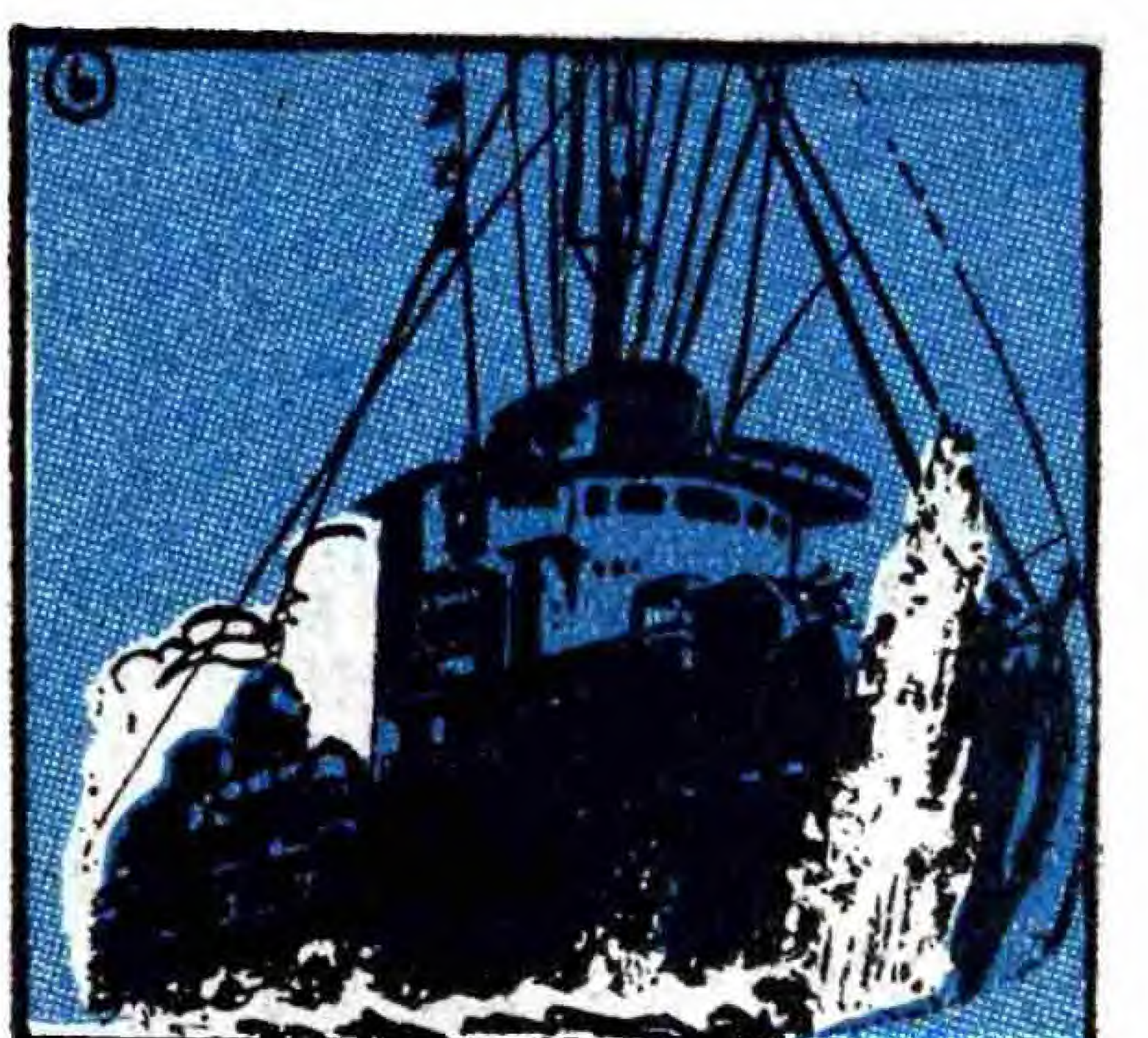
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 1. BROMETER
 2. SEXTON
 3. COMPASS



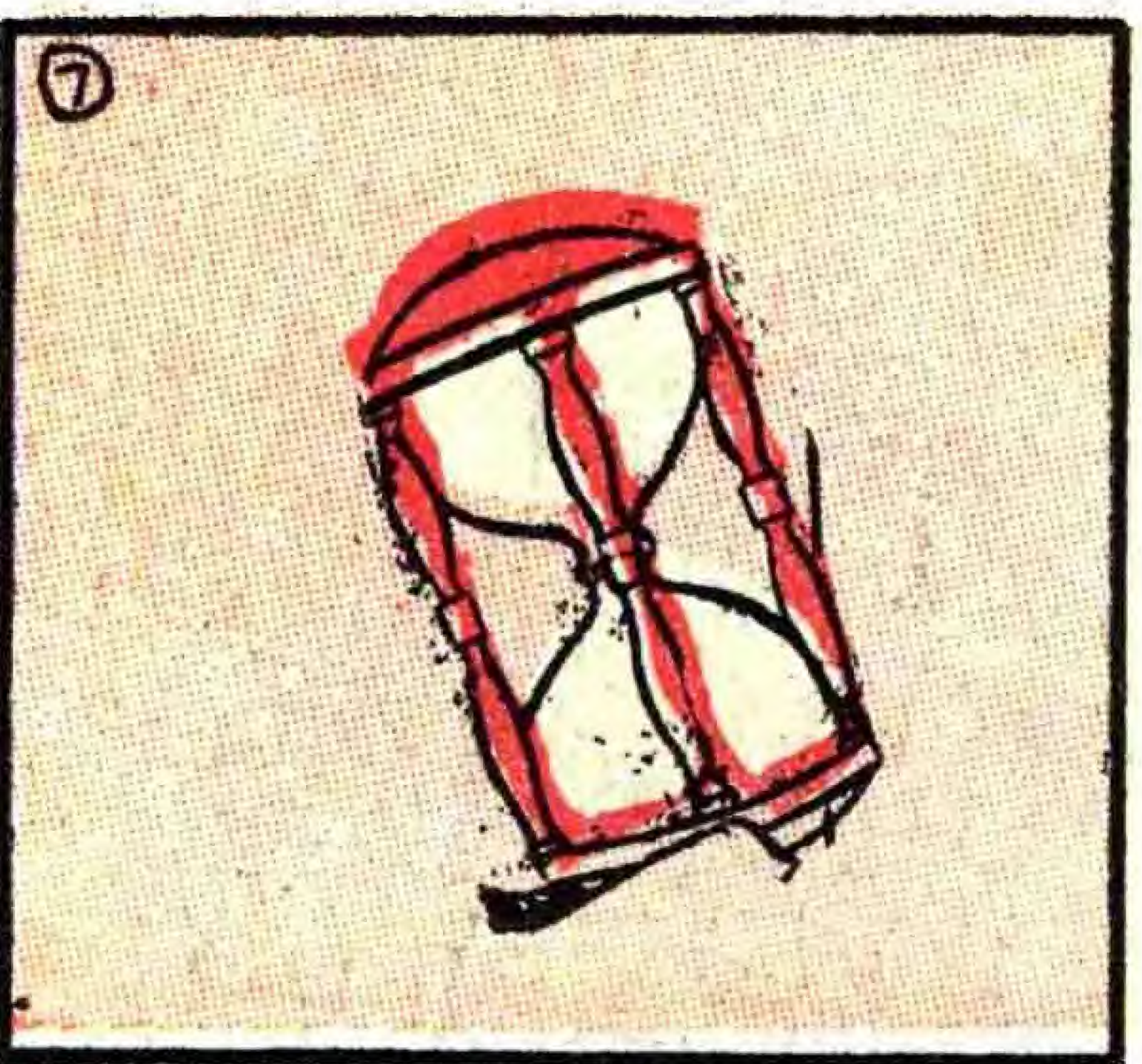
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 1. ENGLAND
 2. CHINA
 3. RUSSIA



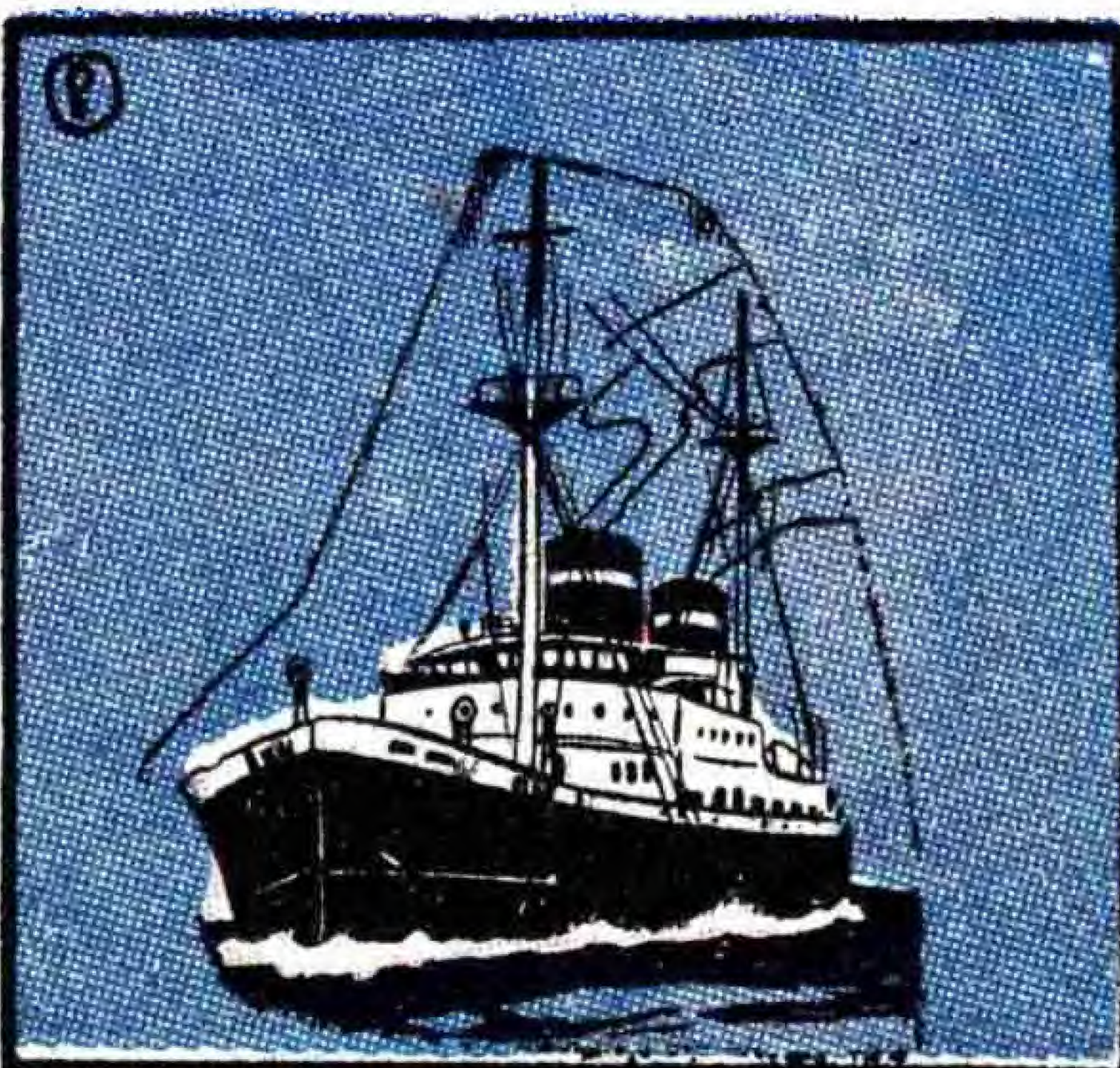
THIS FLAG IS AWARDED TO
 1. ARMY CAMPS
 2. NAVAL BASES
 3. DEFENSE PLANTS



THIS IS A....
 1. AIRCRAFT CARRIER
 2. DESTROYER
 3. FLAGSHIP



THIS IS A...
 1. HOURGLASS
 2. SUNDIAL
 3. ALITMETER



THIS IS A...
 1. TORPEDO BOAT
 2. CORVETTE
 3. MERCHANT SHIP

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS
 IN THIS SQUARE

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

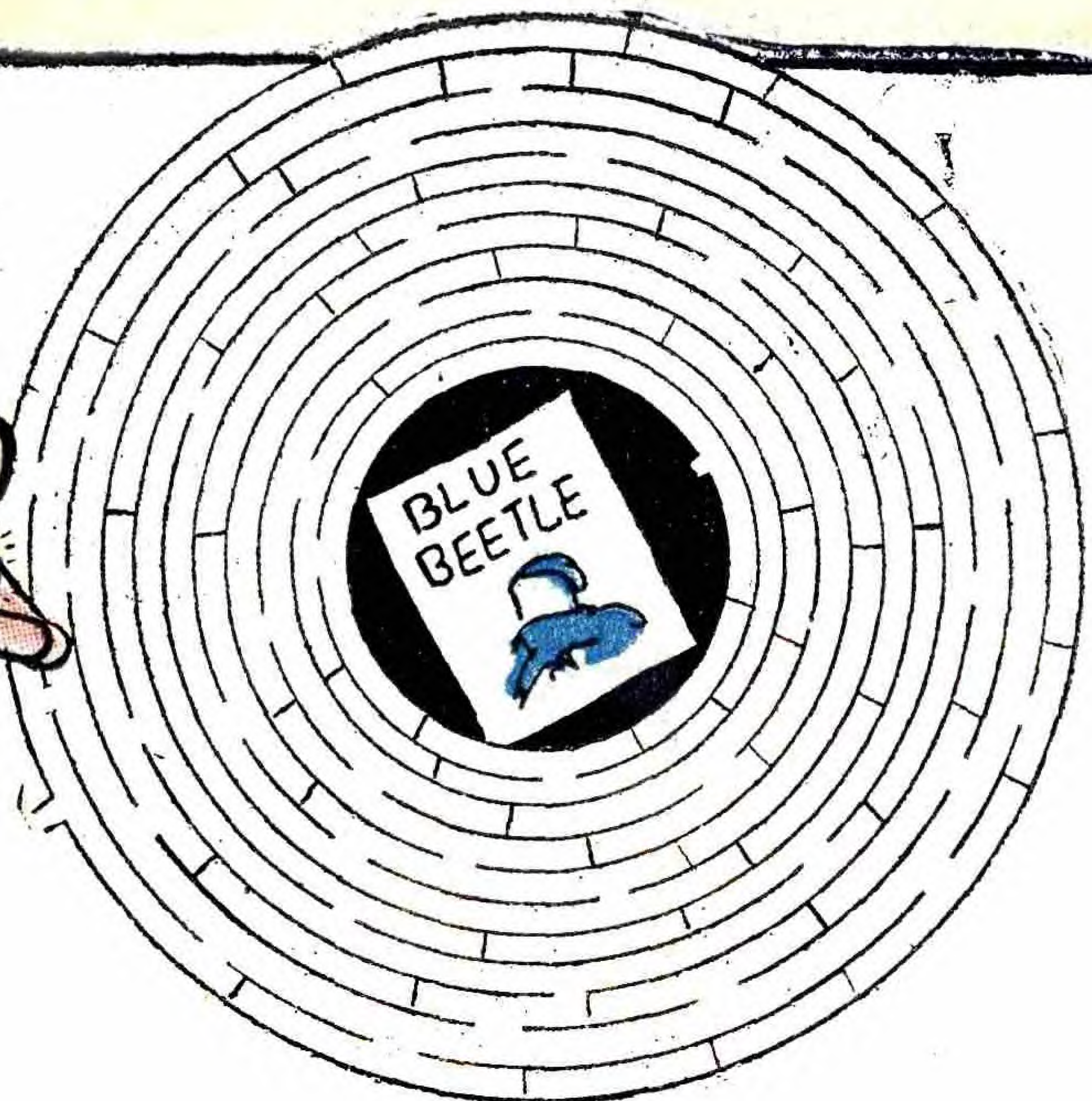
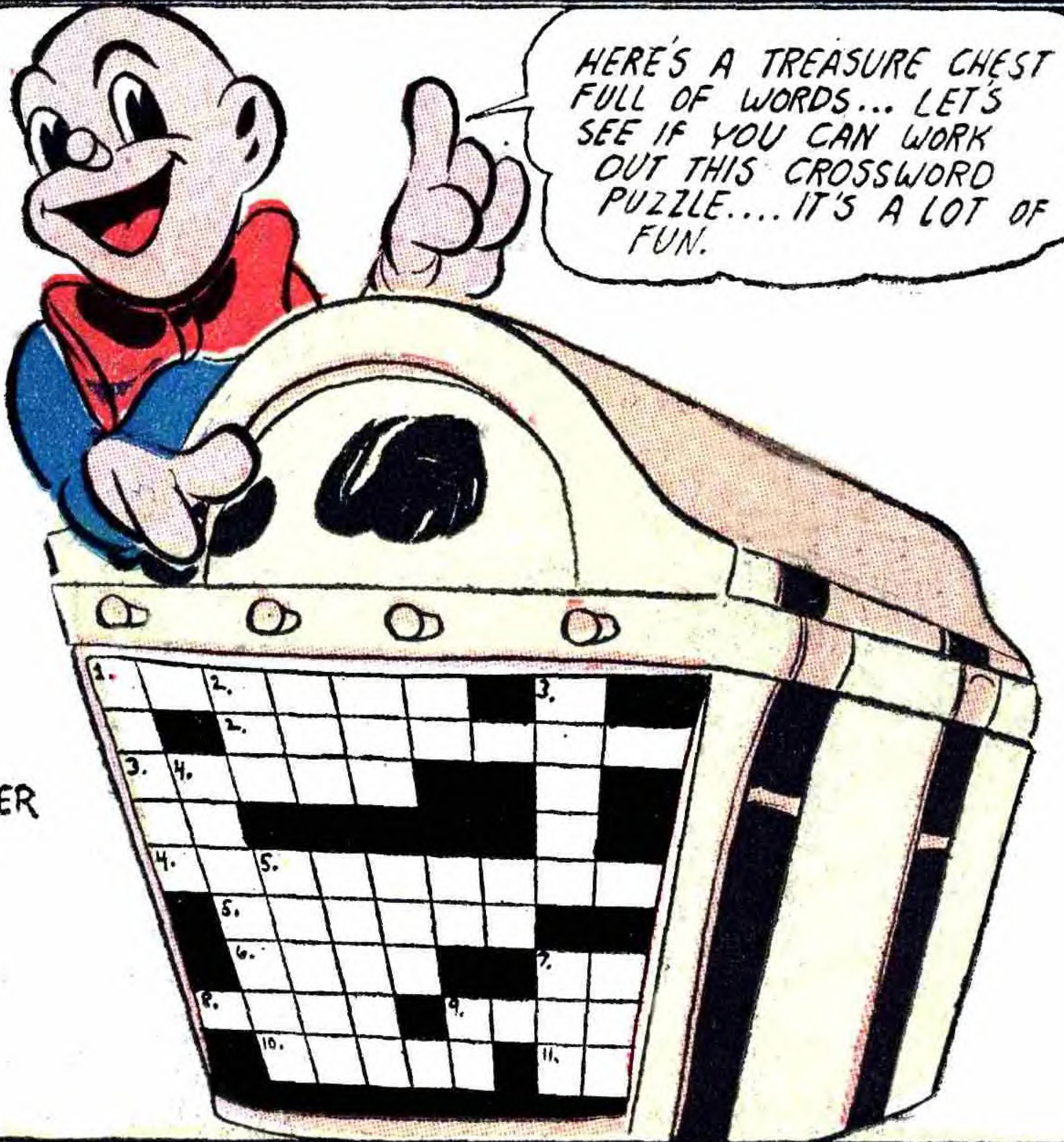
PUZZLE PAGE

ACROSS

1. THE BLUE
2. NIGHTS
3. OPPOSITE SOUTH
4. AN ARMY COMMAND
5. A FOLIRDA FRUIT
6. ON SUNDAY YOU STROLL
IN THE
7. NICKNAME FOR FATHER
8. A WEB FOOTED BIRD
9. A PIN STRIPED
10. ROLLOR
11. OPP SITE OF STOP

DOWN

1. AN AFRICAN FRUIT
2. PART OF THE HEAD
3. A COWBOYS LARIET
4. AN EIGHT ARMED SEA MONSTER
5. A TRAIN RUNS ON A
6. WE GET HAM FROM A



THE EXCITING NEW BOY HERO OF THE ORIENT!!



Wing Lee

BOY PATRIOT of CHINA

CHAPTER NO. 2

Drawn by Jack Alderman

THE BOY PATRIOTS.... LED BY WING LEE, BILL ANDERSON, AN ESCAPED TIGER SQUADRON FLYER, AND CHIN LAU ARE PLANNING A FORAY BEHIND JAPANESE LINES, WHEN A CHINESE LAD STUMBLES INTO THEIR CAVE HIDEOUT. THE WEARY BOY IS READY TO COLLAPSE BEFORE HE CAN UTTER A WORD....



WING LEE
CHINA'S NEW BOY HERO.



CHIN LAU
WING'S PAL.



BILL ANDERSON
AMERICAN FLYER.



RUBY FOO
WING'S PAL.



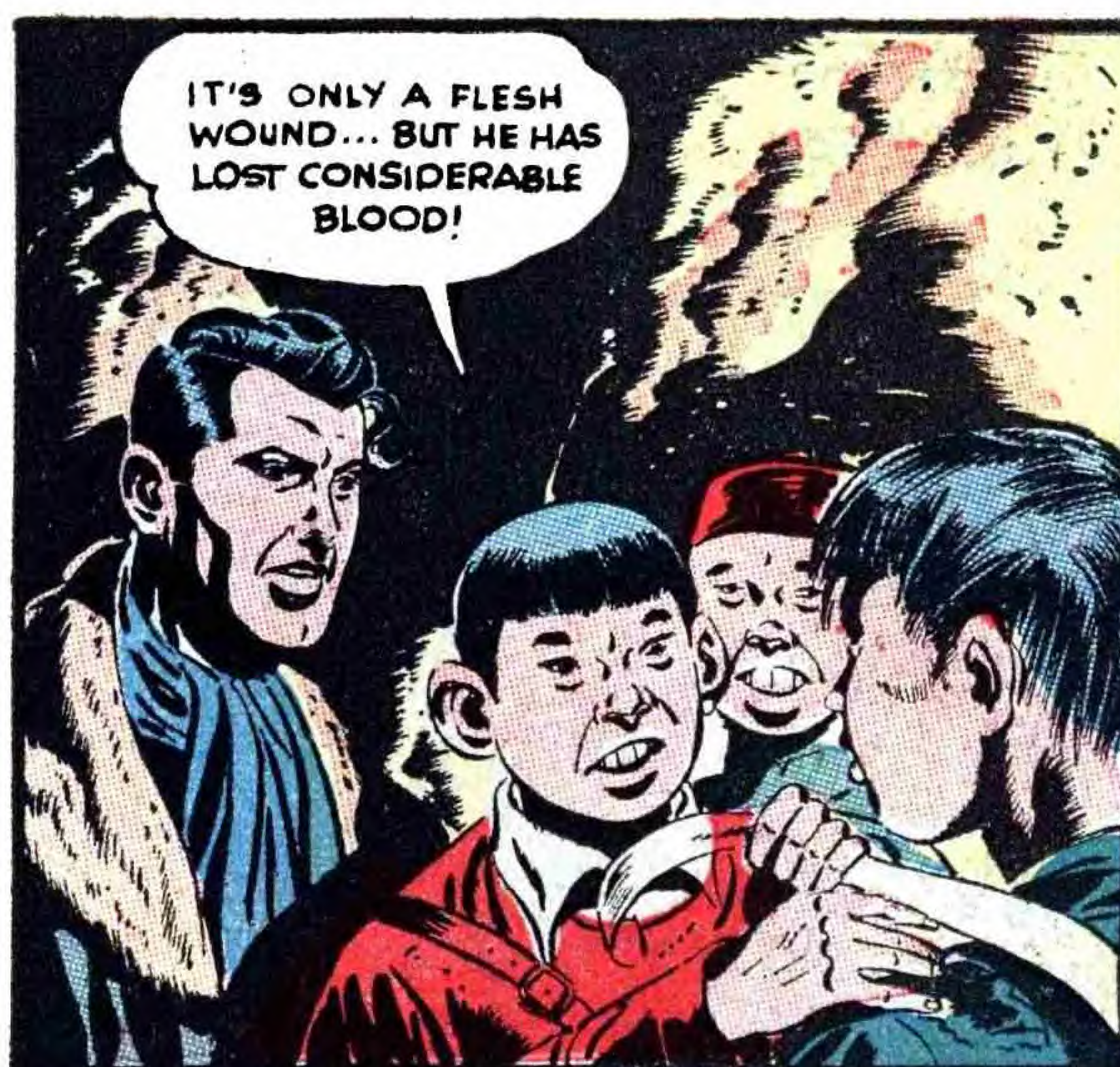
JAP OFFICER
THE VILLAIN



MR. ANDERSON
BILL'S FATHER



HE'S BEEN SHOT!



IT'S ONLY A FLESH WOUND... BUT HE HAS LOST CONSIDERABLE BLOOD!



A FEW MINUTES LATER.....

WHERE AM I?
WHERE AM I?

YOUR AMONG
FRIENDS. WHAT HAP-
PENED TO YOU
SON?



MY NAME IS SONG KAU. I JUST
ESCAPED FROM A JAP CONCEN-
TRATION CAMP WHERE I WAS
WOUNDED!

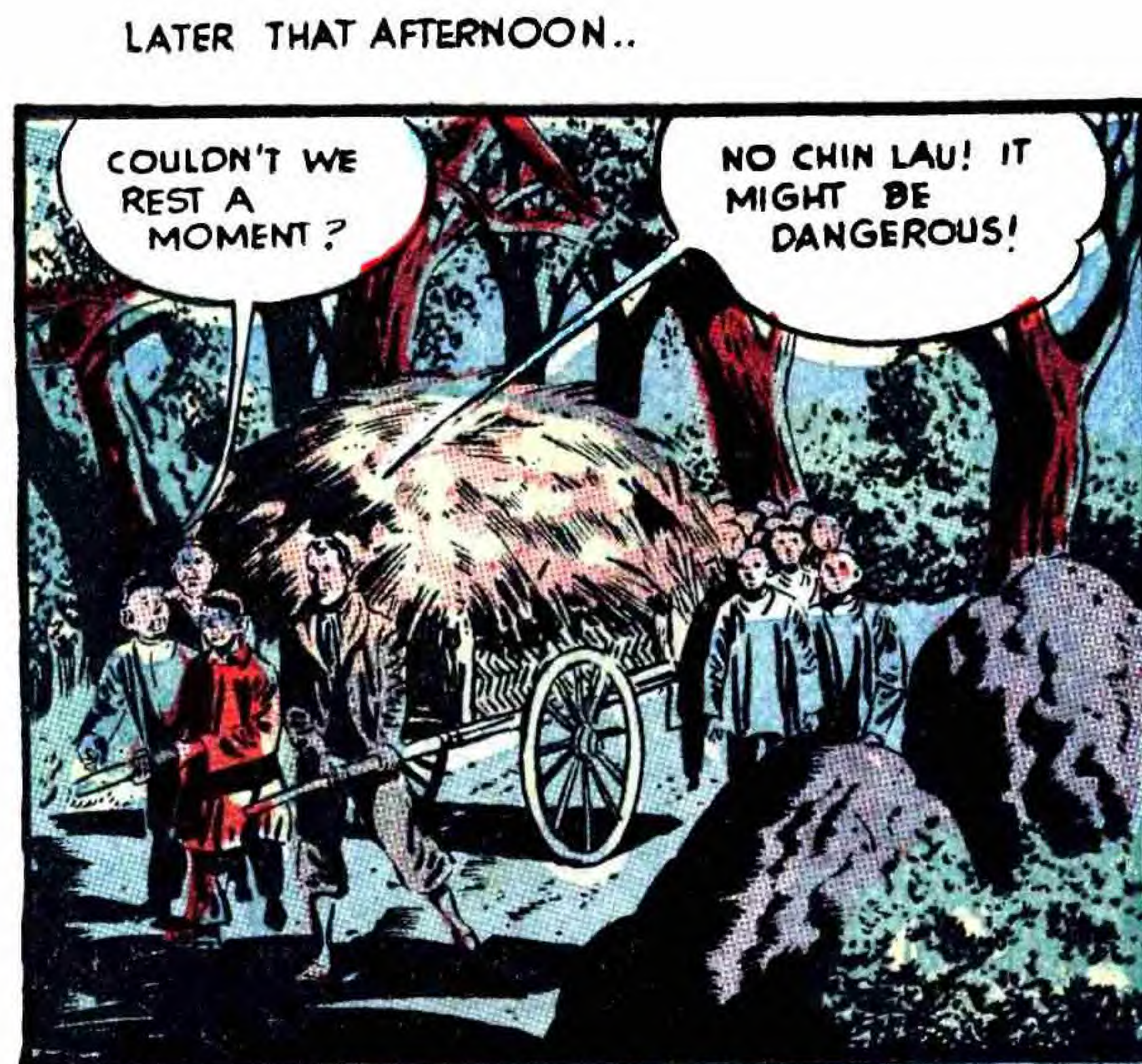
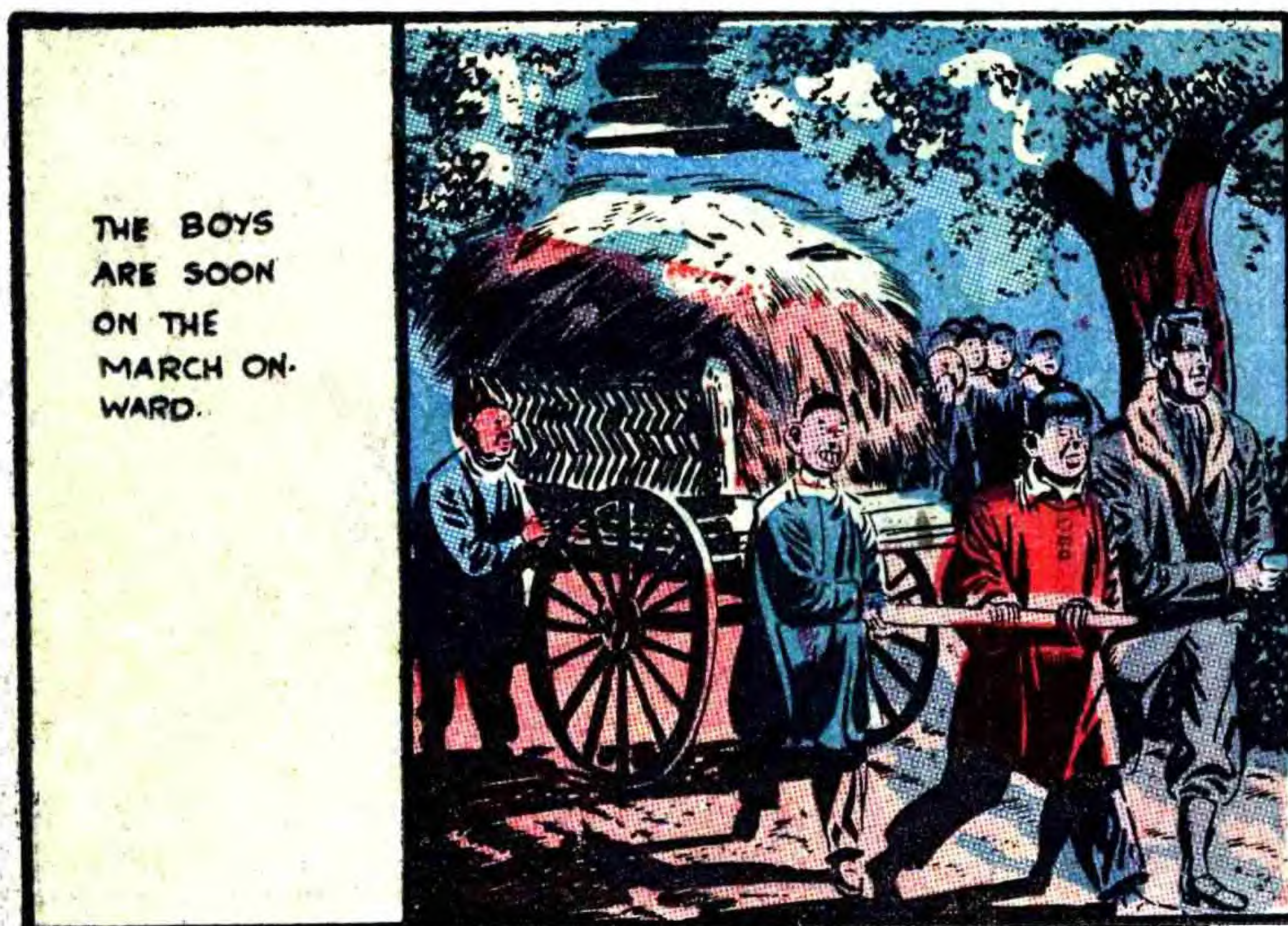


I MUST FIND A BILL
ANDERSON...AN
AMERICAN. I WAS
TOLD HE WAS HERE!

I AM BILL ANDER-
SON! WHAT IS IT
YOU WANT?

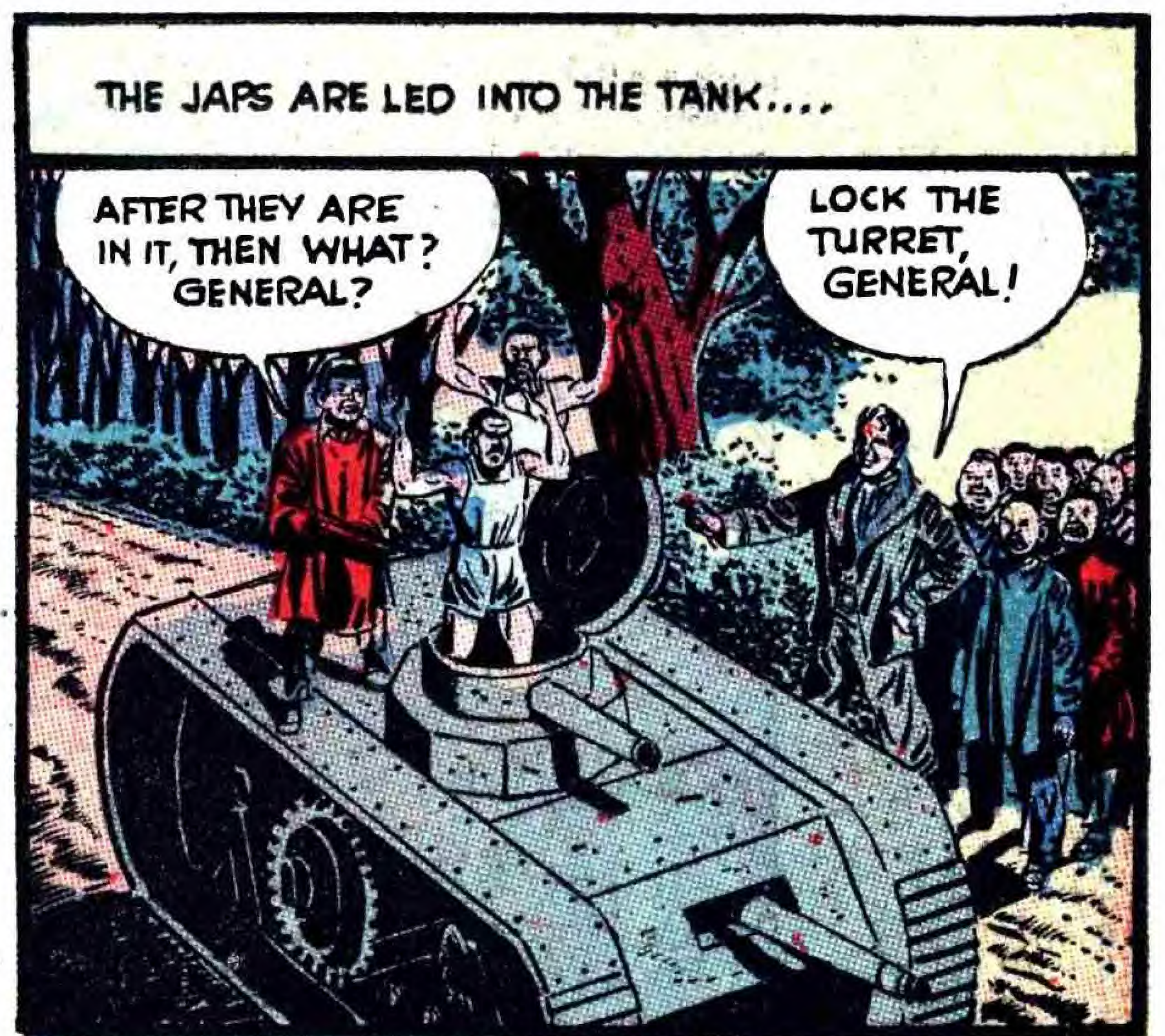


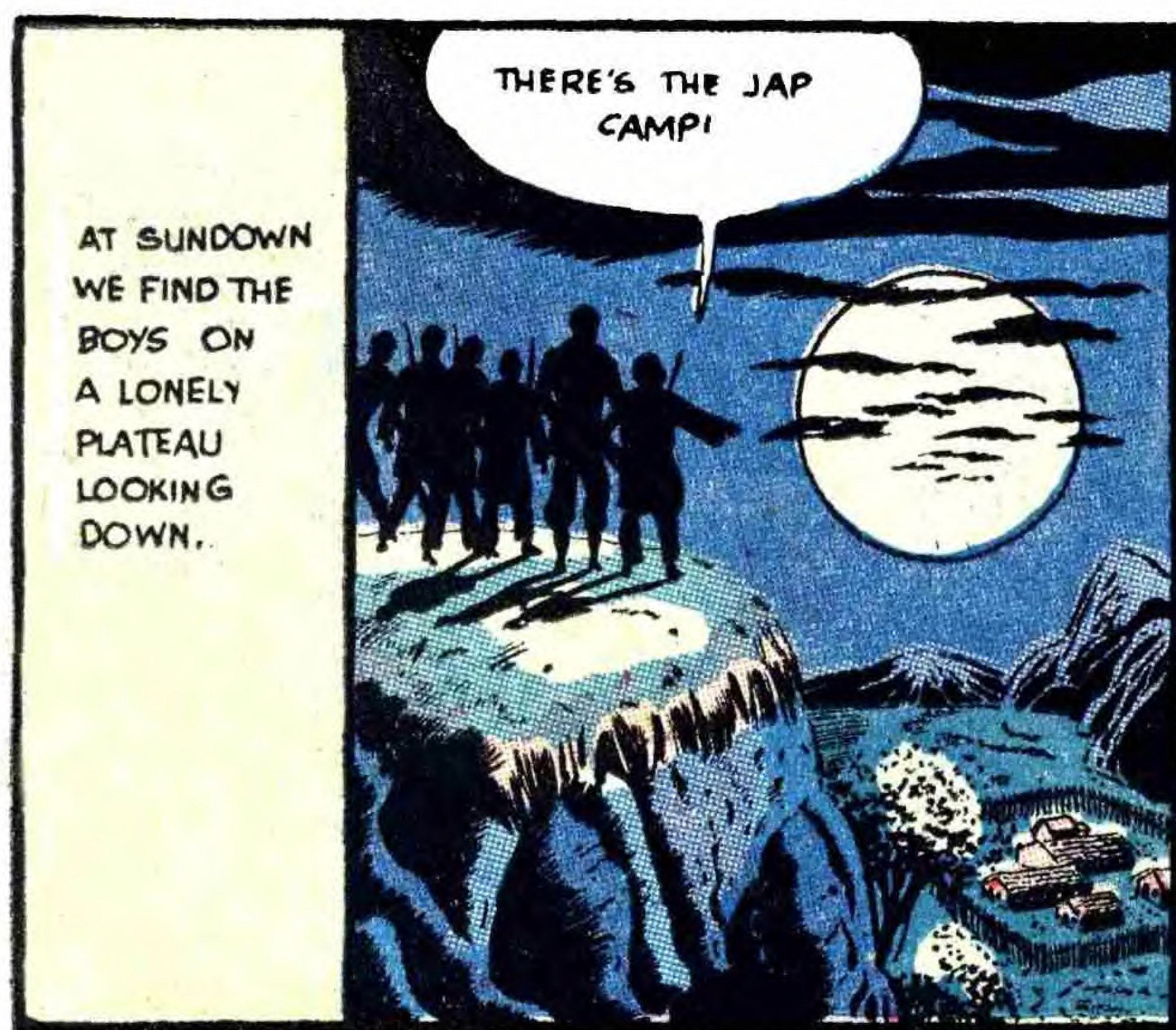
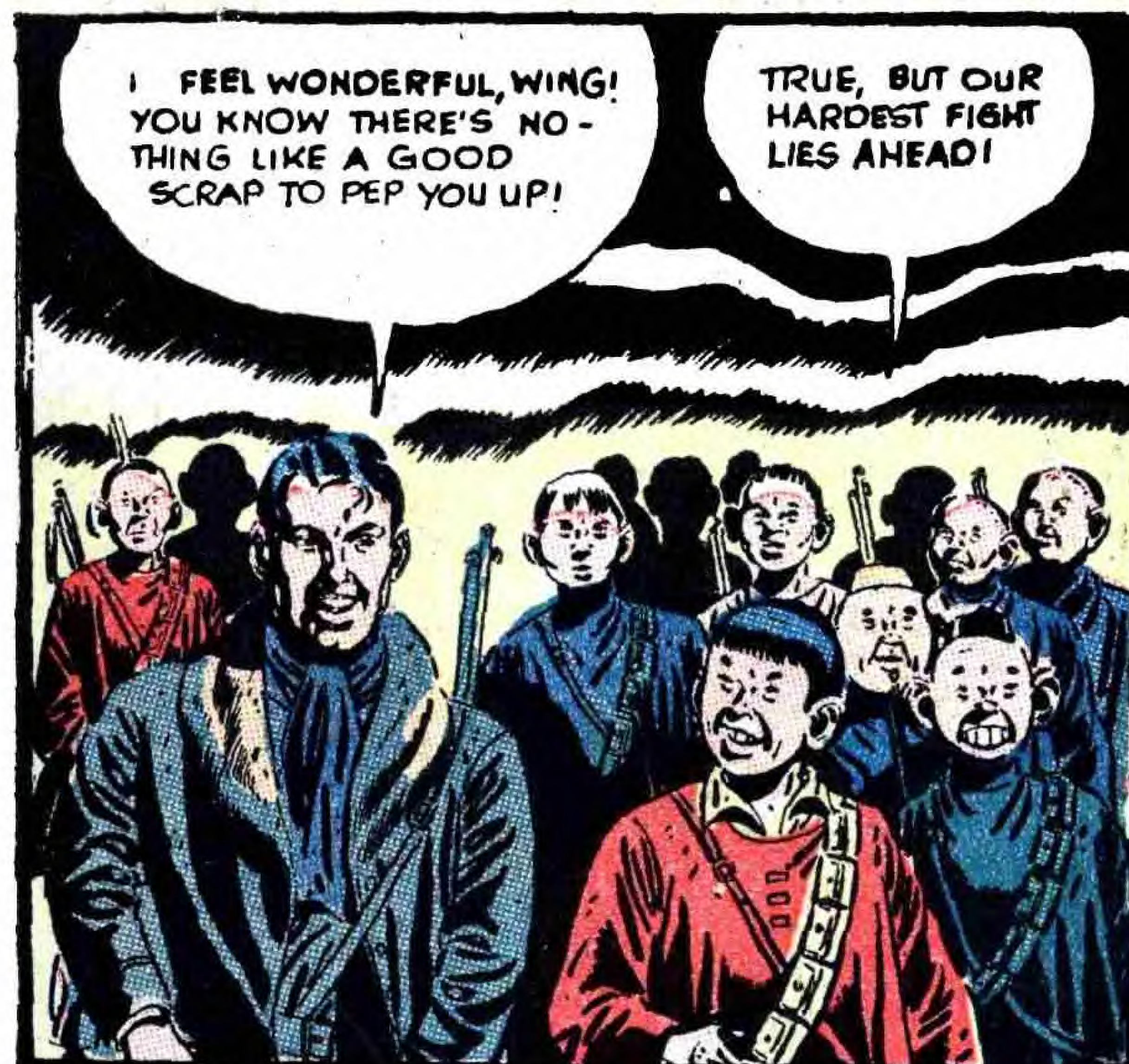
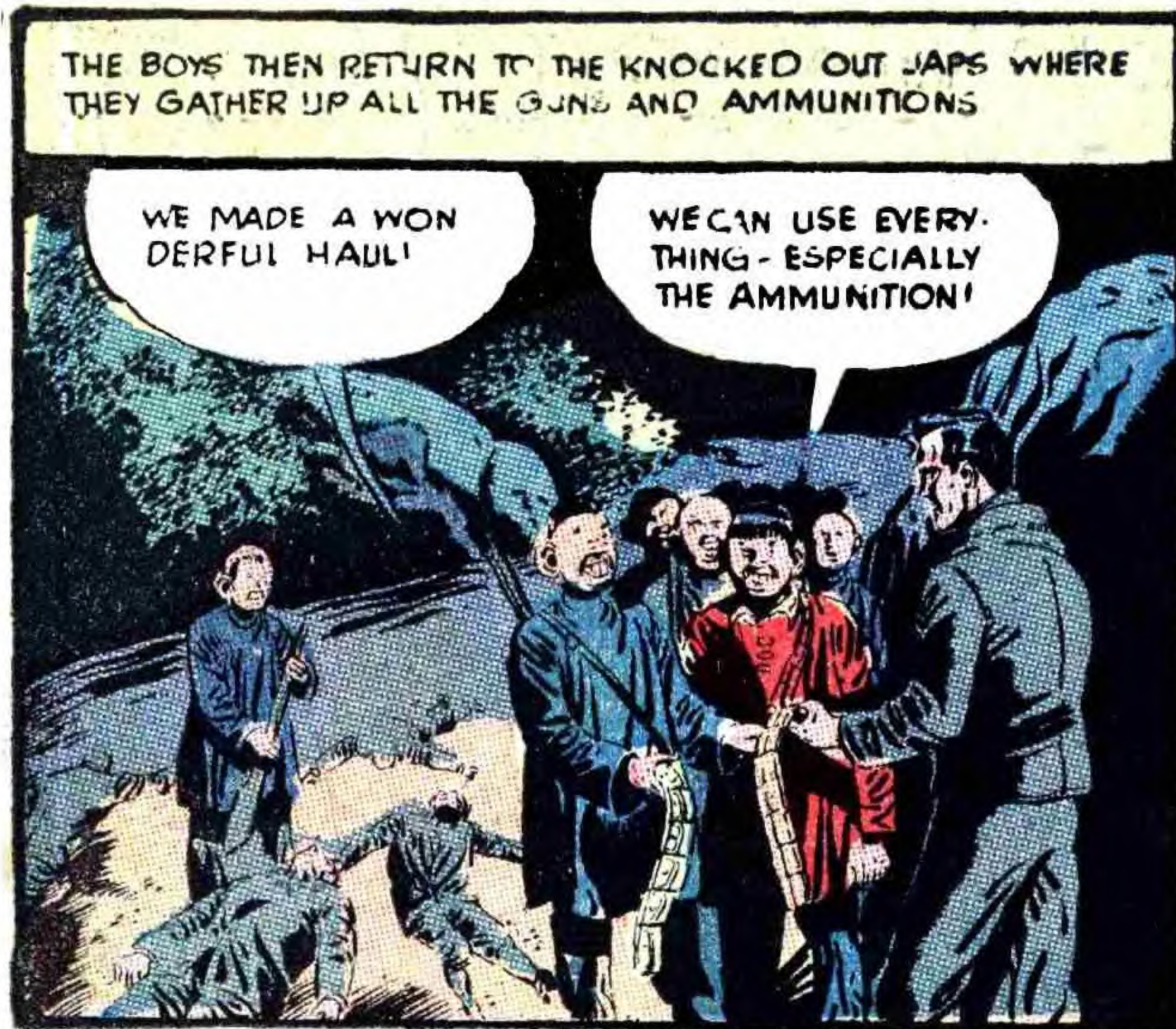
YOUR FATHER... HE HE
IS AT CONCENTRATION
CAMP! HE IS TO BE
KILLED AT DAWN!



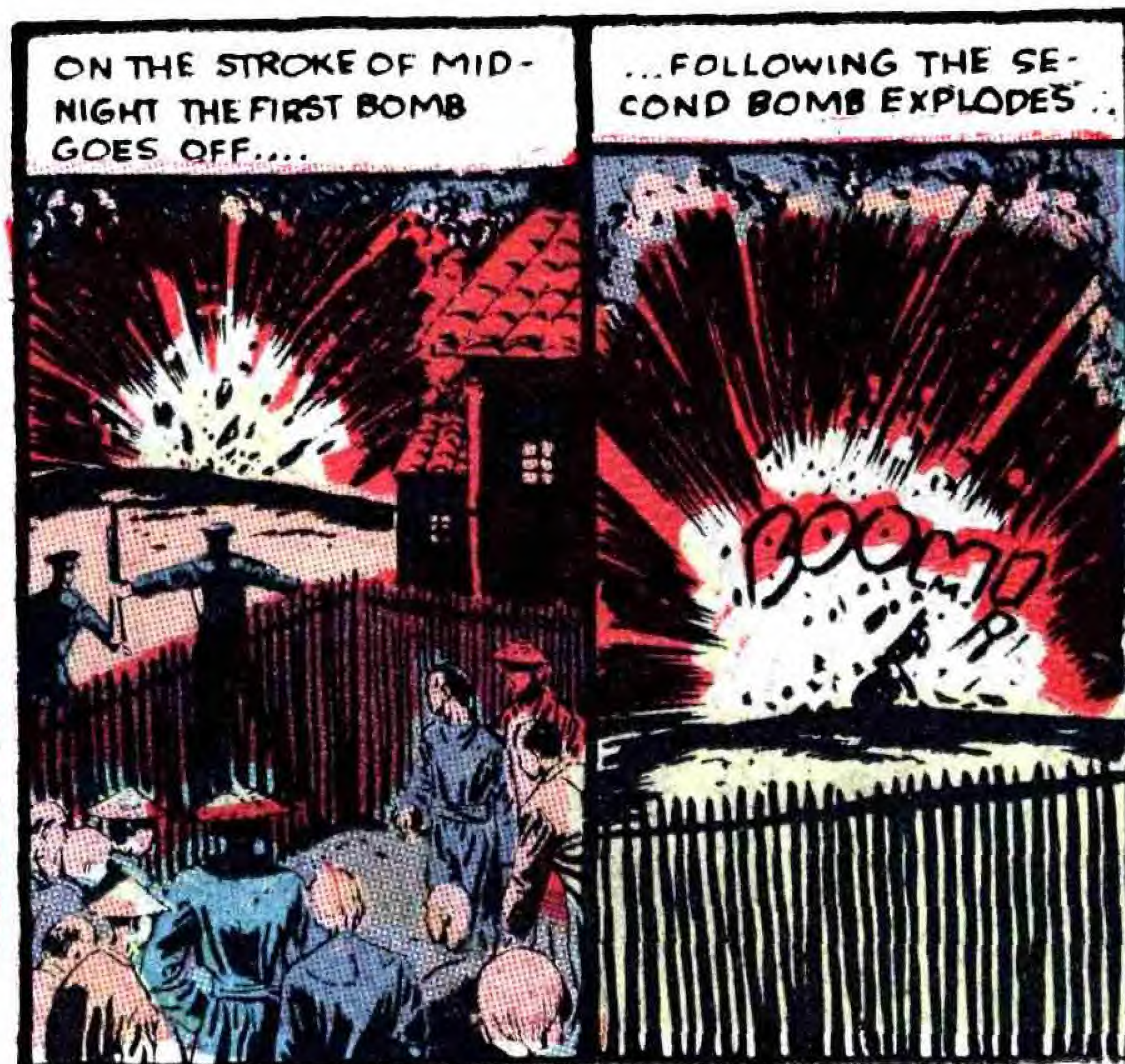


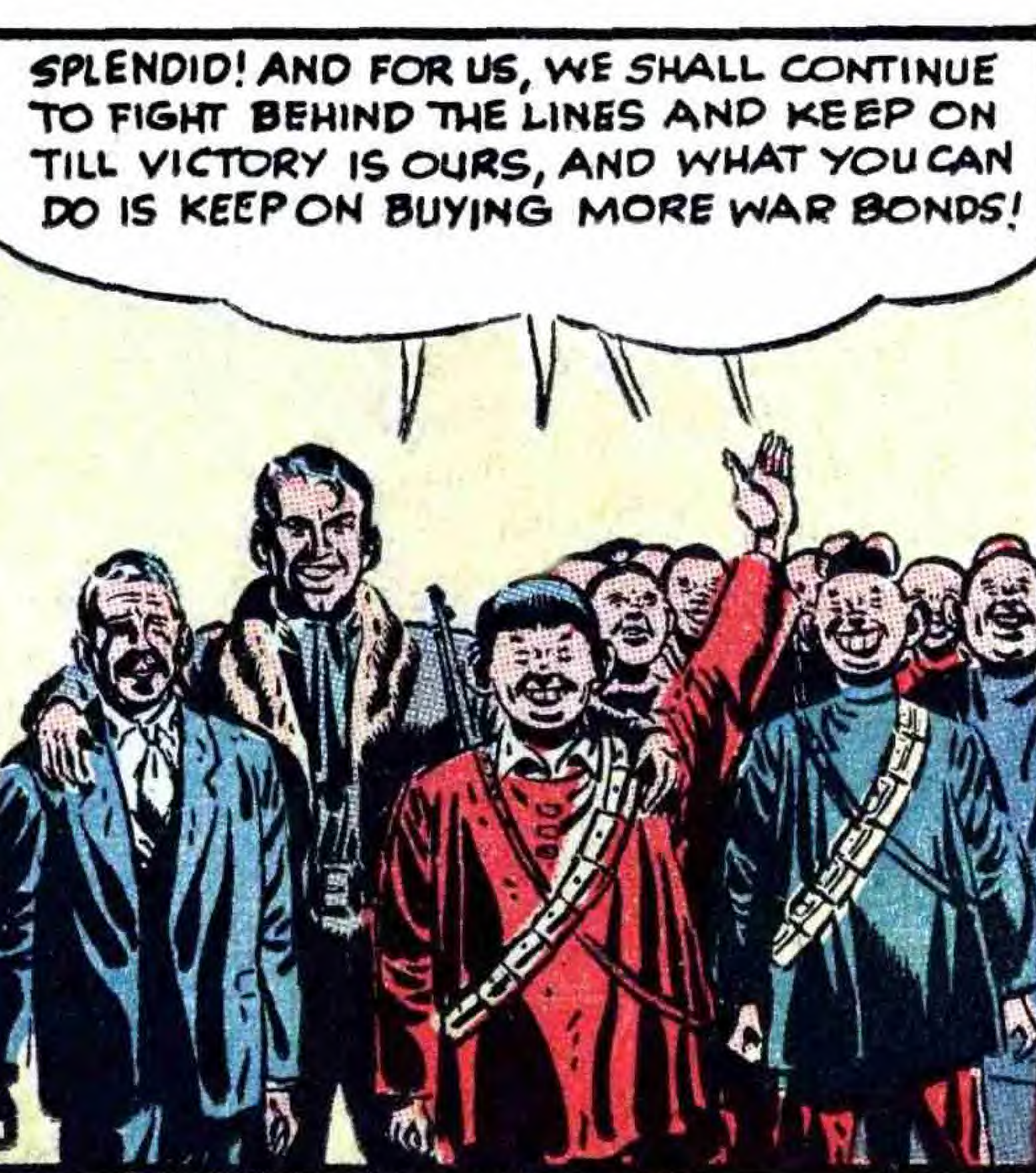
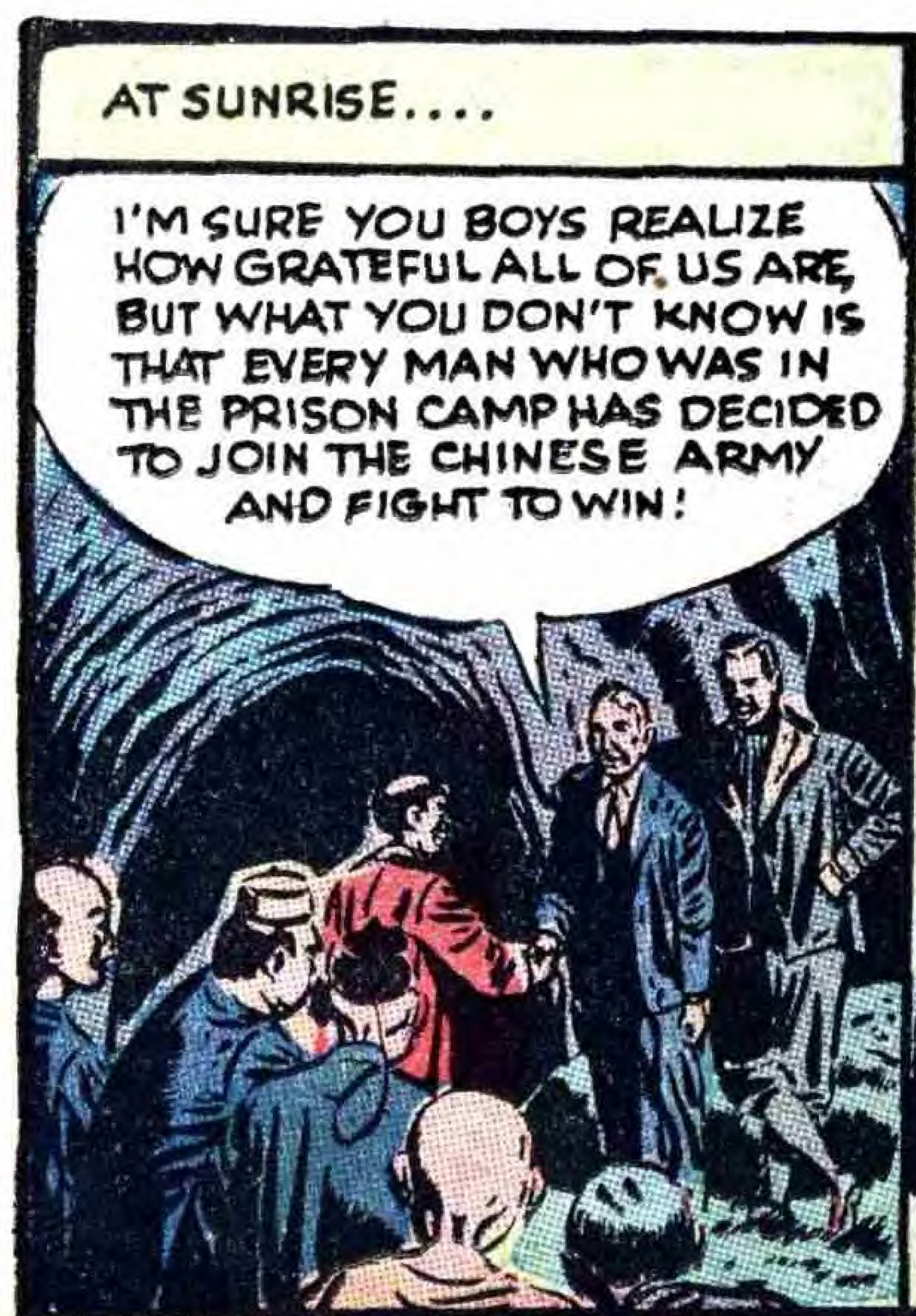












YOUNG GUERRILLA GIRL FIGHTER



LYING WOUNDED IN A FOREST CLEARING, 17-YEAR-OLD VERA NIKITINA, A GUERRILLA GIRL, DRAGS HERSELF TO AN AMERICAN BLANKET DROPPED BY A RED AIR FORCE PILOT.



ISN'T IT REMARKABLE THAT SUCH A YOUNG GIRL AS YOU HAS BEEN WOUNDED IN ACTION?

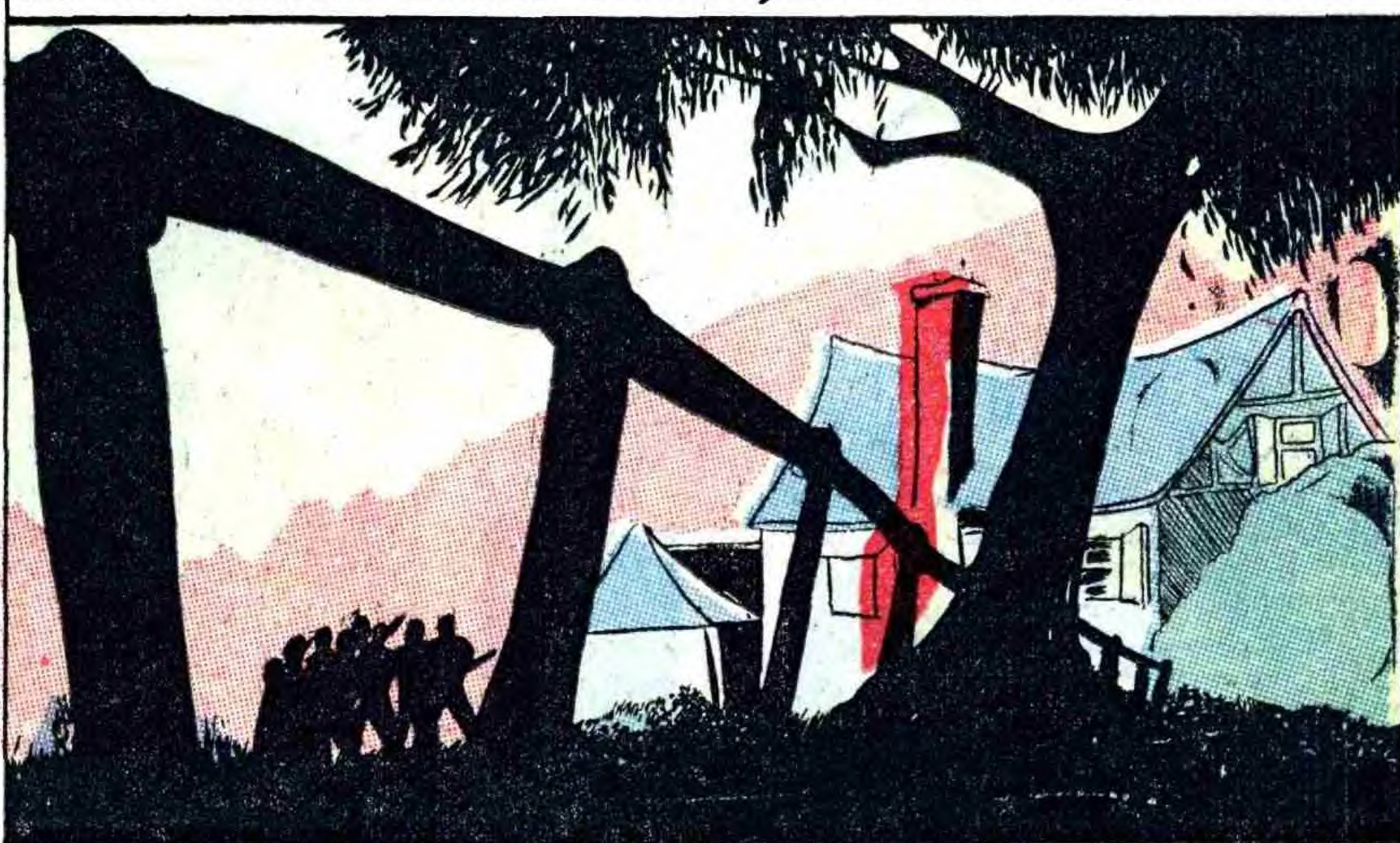
NO, THOUSANDS OF RUSSIAN GIRLS IN GUERRILLA BANDS OR AS NURSES ARE INJURED.



HOW DID YOU BECOME A FIGHTING GUERRILLA?



WHEN THE NAZIS INVADED OUR LAND, THE MEN OF OUR VILLAGE MADE FOR THE WOODS, LED BY MY FATHER.



I REMAINED IN THE VILLAGE TO HELP MY EIGHT LITTLE BROTHERS AND SISTERS, AND TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR GUERRILLAS....



ONE DAY COMING BACK FROM THE FOREST, I SAW FLAMES LEAPING UP FROM OUR NAZI-HELD VILLAGE



ON MY HANDS AND KNEES, I STOLE UP TO A HUT AT THE EDGE OF THE VILLAGE AND LOOKED INTO A WINDOW-



INSIDE, A RUSSIAN WOMAN SAW ME...



RUN AND HIDE, VERA!
THE GERMANS ARE
LOOKING FOR YOU AND
YOUR DAD!

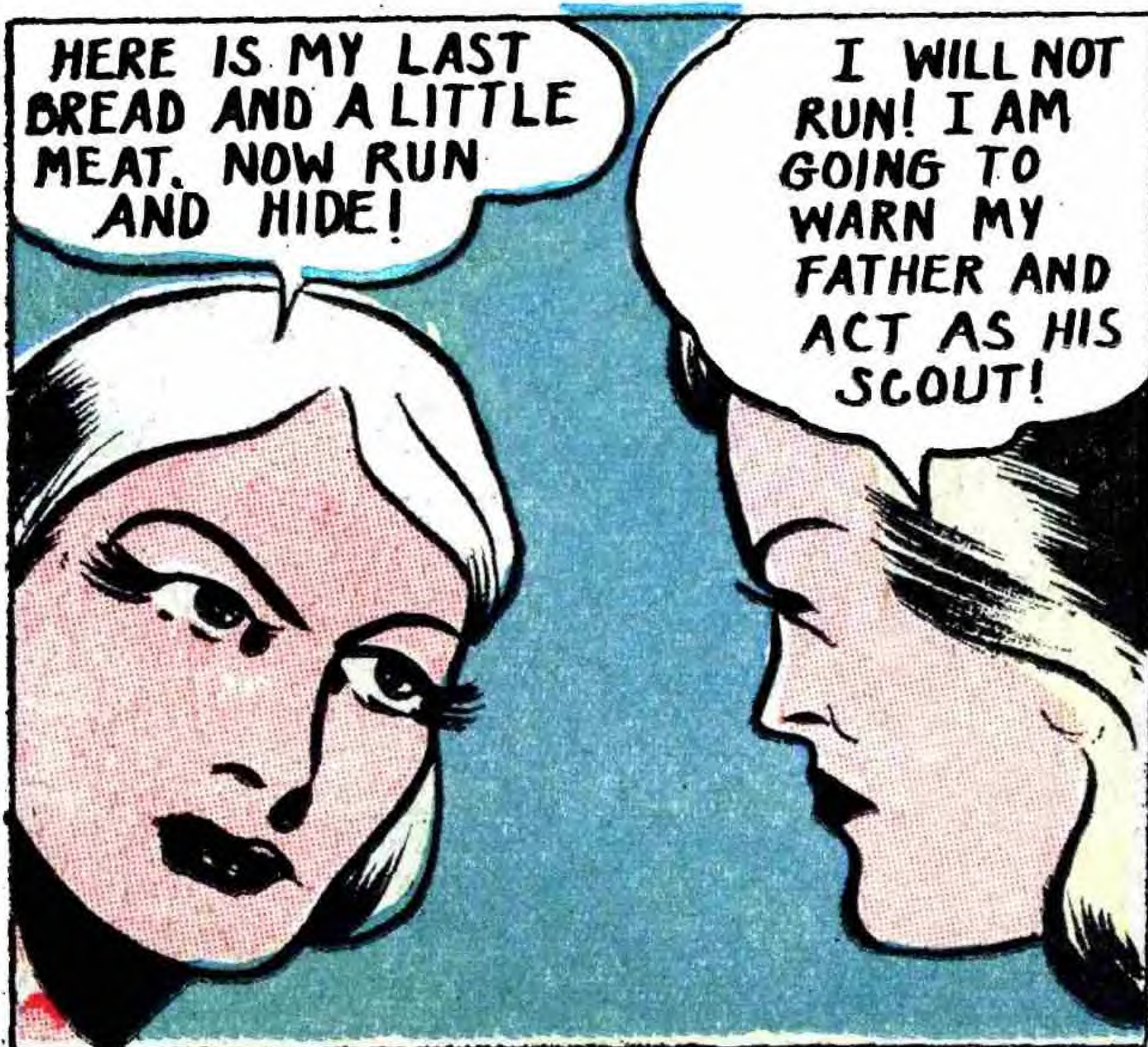
NAZIS DRAGGED AWAY
YOUR MOTHER AND HER
EIGHT CHILDREN AS
HOSTAGES.



ONLY YESTERDAY A NAZI TRANSPORT TRAIN
WAS DESTROYED BY OUR GUERRILLAS. MY
FATHER LED THEM. THE GERMANS KNOW
THIS.

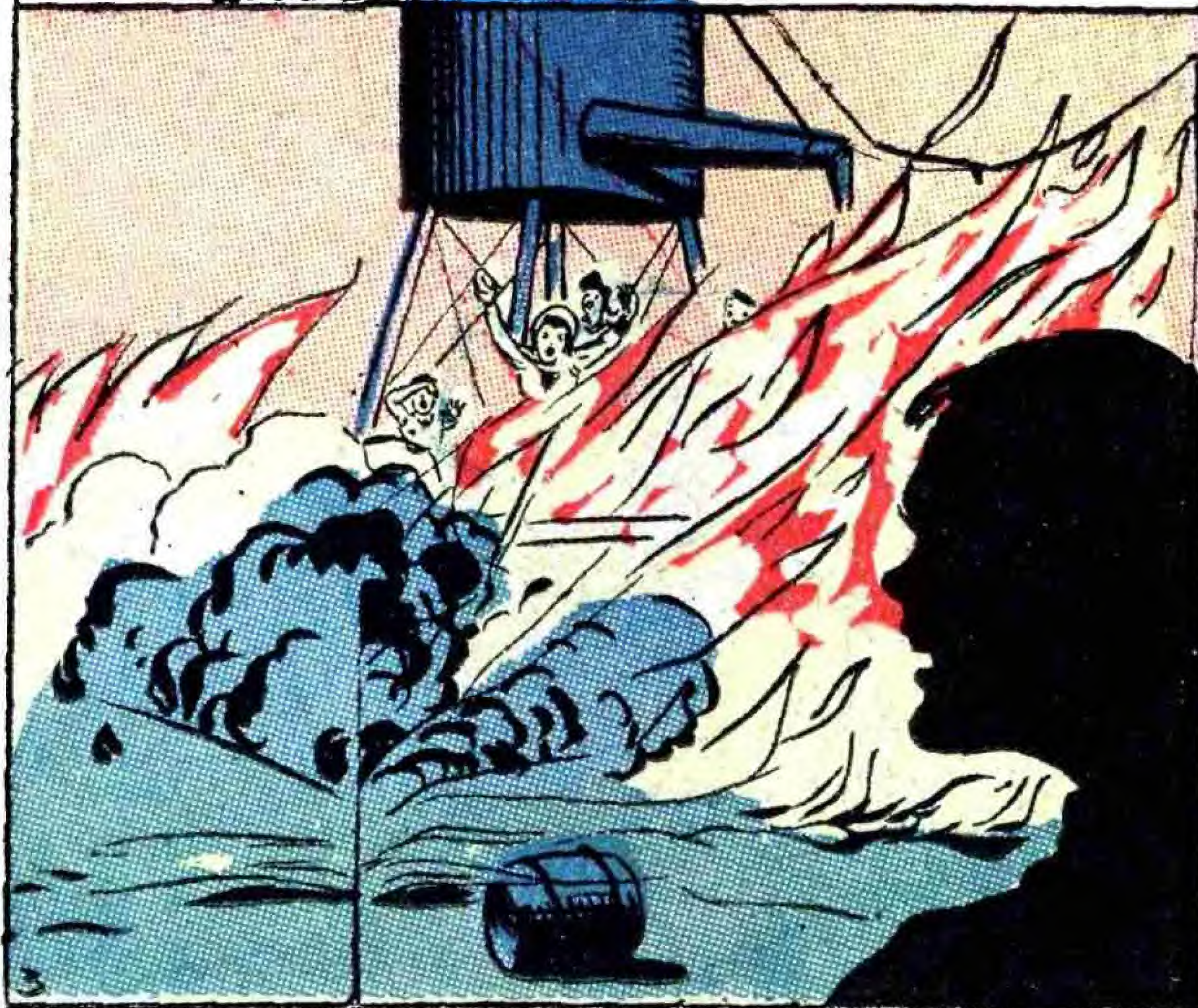


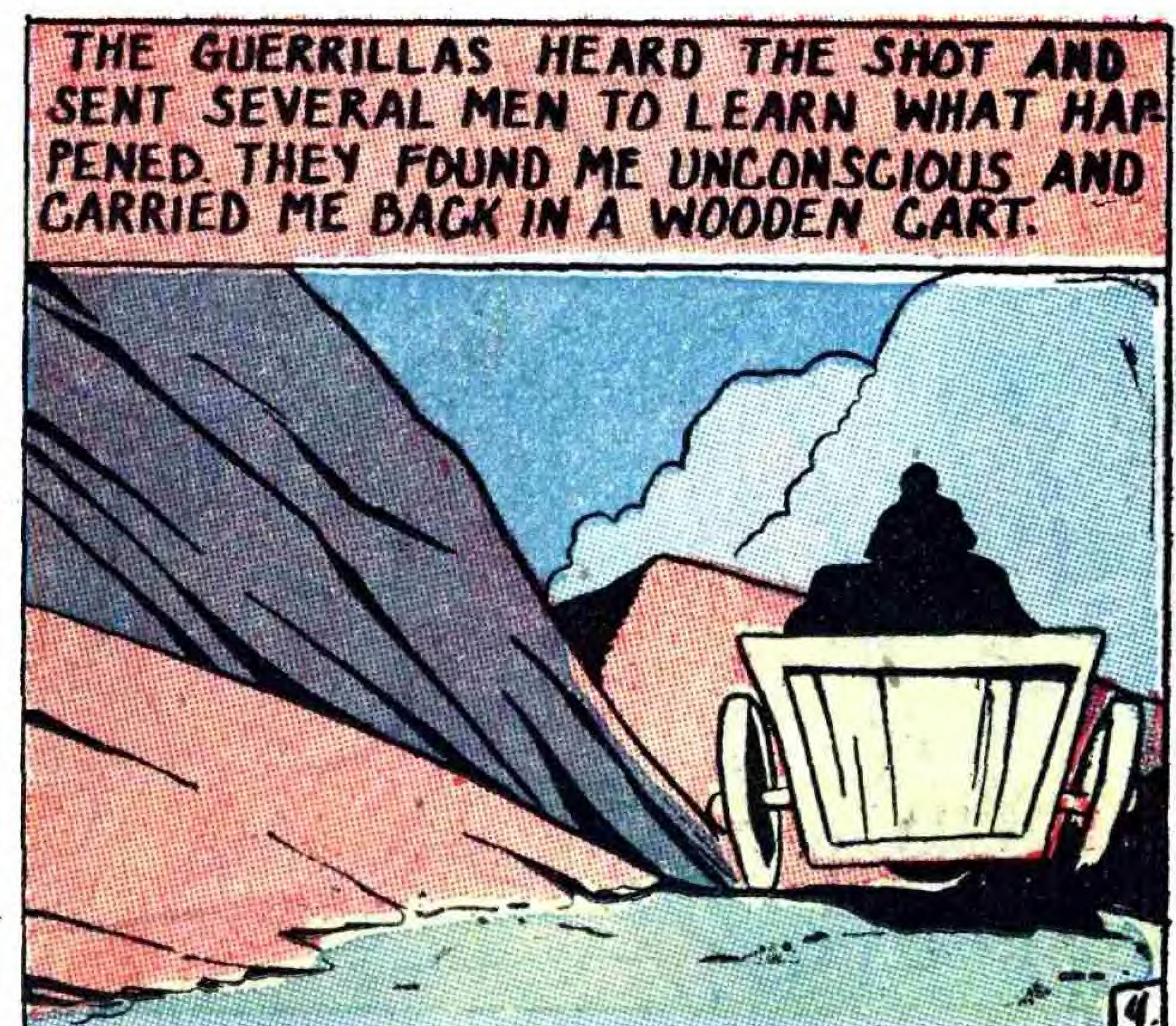
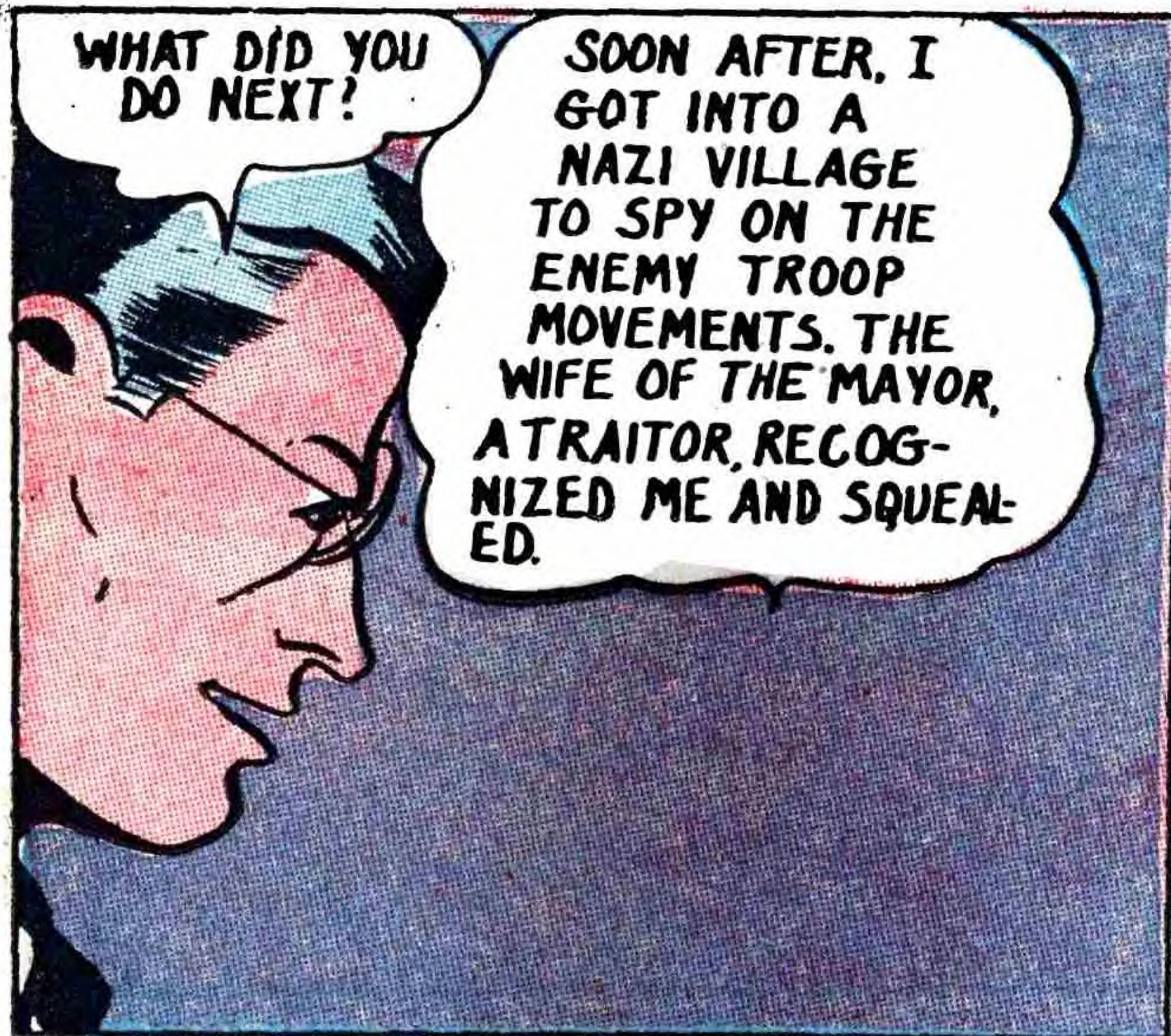
HERE IS MY LAST
BREAD AND A LITTLE
MEAT. NOW RUN
AND HIDE!



I WILL NOT
RUN! I AM
GOING TO
WARN MY
FATHER AND
ACT AS HIS
SCOUT!

GERMANS BOMB AND DESTROY VERA'S
VILLAGE IN REVENGE.





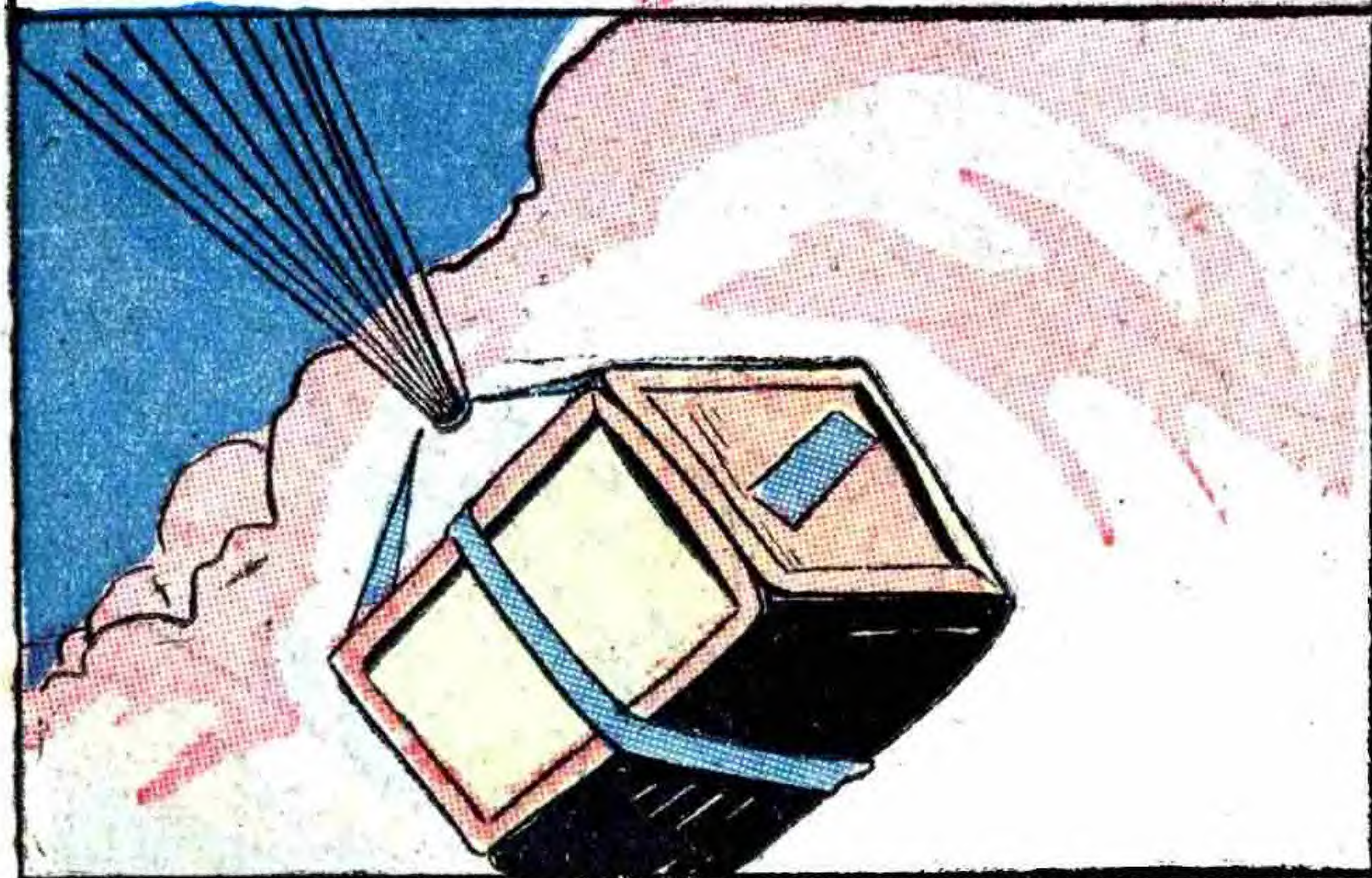
FOR SIX MONTHS, WHILE WOUNDED, I SCOUTED AROUND THE WOODEN CART.



FINALLY, RUSSIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS FOUND OUR LOCATION AND SENT A PLANE.



THE PLANE DROPPED AMMUNITION, FOOD, MEDICINE AND CLOTHING. MANY OF THE TINS OF CANNED MEAT, BLANKETS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES HAD COME ALL THE WAY FROM AMERICA SENT BY RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF.



AFTER MY STRENGTH WAS BUILT UP, A SOVIET AMBULANCE PLANE LANDED IN OUR FOREST CLEARING. IT FLEW ME TO THE HOSPITAL HERE.



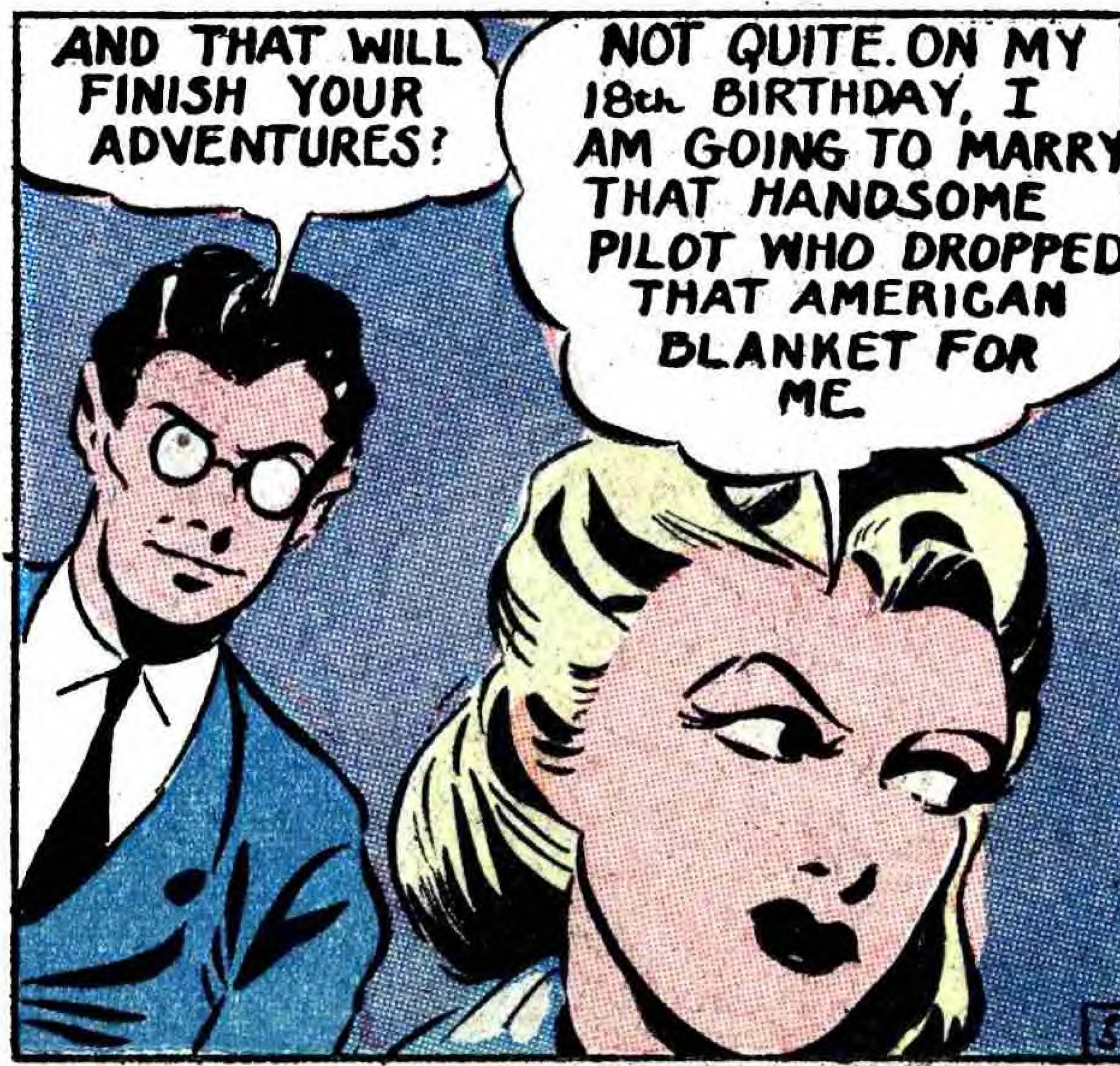
WHAT WILL YOU DO AFTER YOU GET WELL?

JOIN THE GUERRILLAS AGAIN, OF COURSE AND I WANT TO CAPTURE THAT WOMAN TRAITOR.



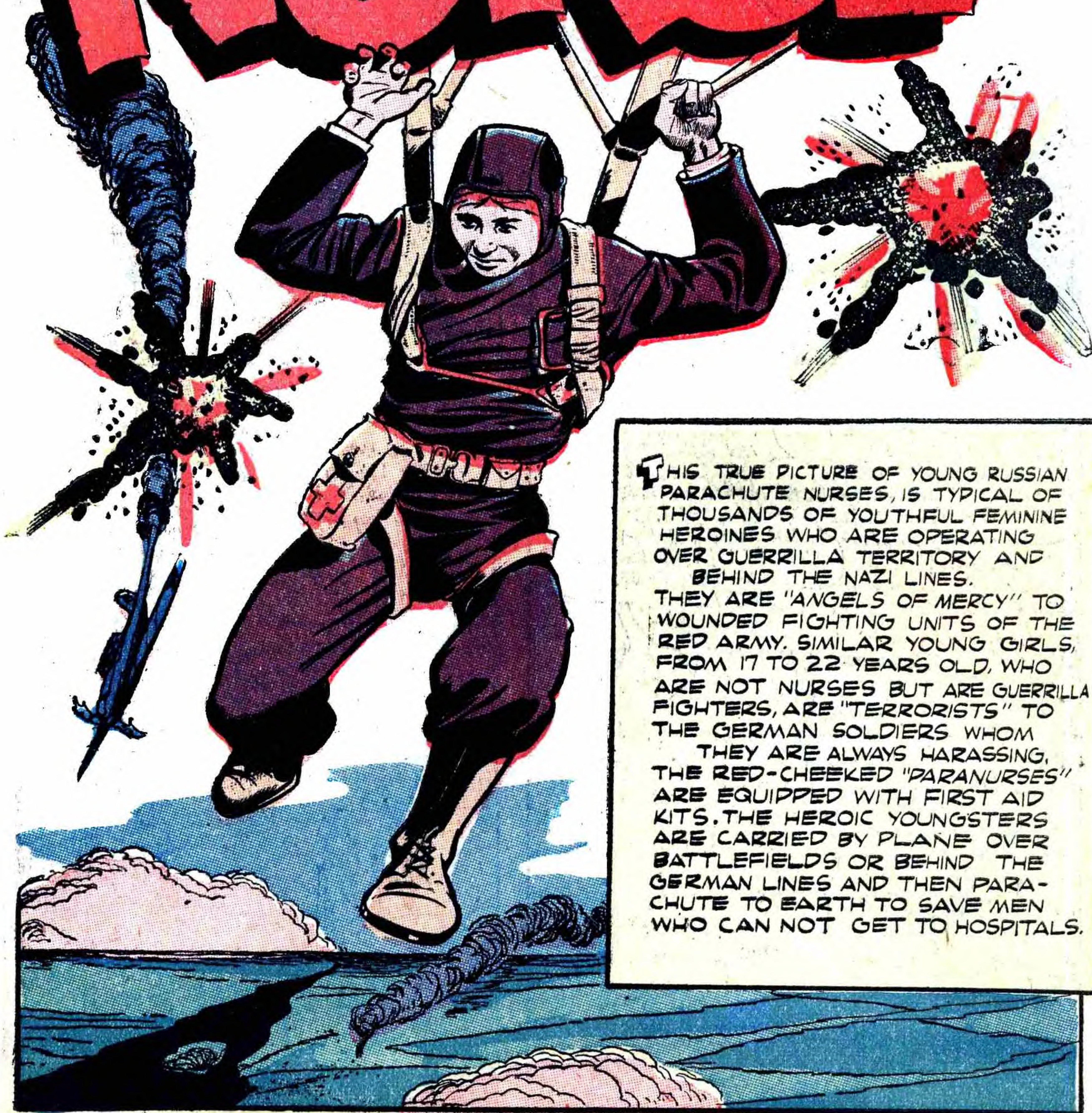
AND THAT WILL FINISH YOUR ADVENTURES?

NOT QUITE. ON MY 18th BIRTHDAY, I AM GOING TO MARRY THAT HANDSOME PILOT WHO DROPPED THAT AMERICAN BLANKET FOR ME.



PARACHUTE

NURSE



THIS TRUE PICTURE OF YOUNG RUSSIAN PARACHUTE NURSES, IS TYPICAL OF THOUSANDS OF YOUTHFUL FEMININE HEROINES WHO ARE OPERATING OVER GUERRILLA TERRITORY AND BEHIND THE NAZI LINES. THEY ARE "ANGELS OF MERCY" TO WOUNDED FIGHTING UNITS OF THE RED ARMY. SIMILAR YOUNG GIRLS, FROM 17 TO 22 YEARS OLD, WHO ARE NOT NURSES BUT ARE GUERRILLA FIGHTERS, ARE "TERRORISTS" TO THE GERMAN SOLDIERS WHOM THEY ARE ALWAYS HARASSING. THE RED-CHEEKED "PARANURSES" ARE EQUIPPED WITH FIRST AID KITS. THE HEROIC YOUNGSTERS ARE CARRIED BY PLANE OVER BATTLEFIELDS OR BEHIND THE GERMAN LINES AND THEN PARACHUTE TO EARTH TO SAVE MEN WHO CAN NOT GET TO HOSPITALS.

ONE DAY LAST WINTER, TANYA GERTSEVA, A GIRL OF 22, DESCENDED ON A BATTLEFIELD IN THE UKRAINE FOLDED HER PARACHUTE AND SCURRIED ACROSS THE TANK SCARRED FIELDS - TOGETHER WITH A SCORE OF OTHER RED CROSS GIRLS

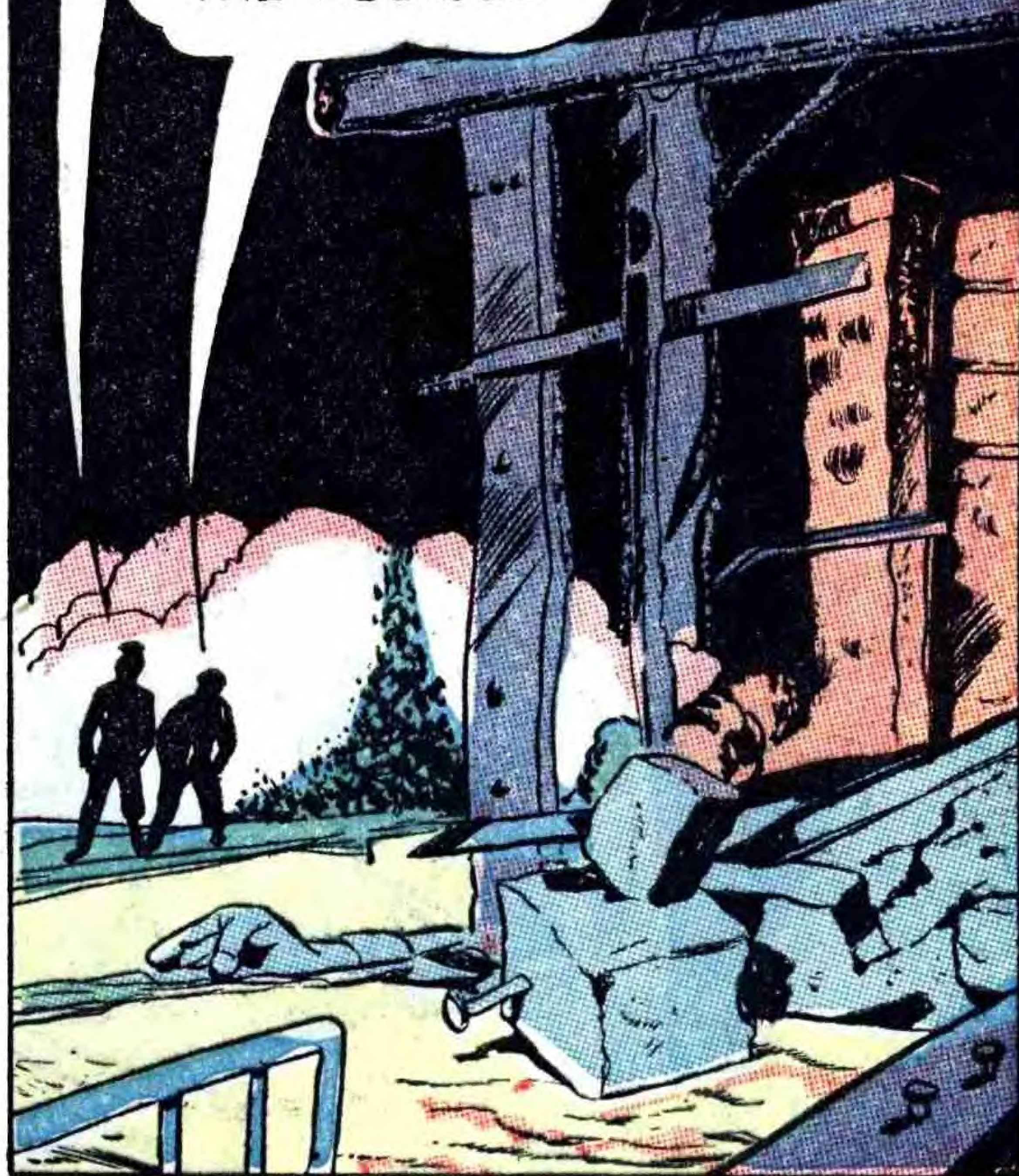
THANK GOD YOU HAVE COME. I WAS THE ONLY DOCTOR WHO WAS NOT KILLED IN THE FIGHTING, AND THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF WOUNDED TO BE HELPED!

WHERE IS YOUR FIELD HOSPITAL?



THE CHARRED EMBERS AND THE CHIMNEY OVER THERE ARE ALL THAT'S LEFT!

OH! I DO HOPE WE CAN HELP THE WOUNDED!



IT'S LUCKY YOU AIR-BORNE NURSES GOT SUCH SPLENDID TRAINING FOR YOUR PRESENT TASK WHILE AT HIGH SCHOOL!

YES, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT WHEN MY FAVORITE SPORT WAS JUMPING FROM THE PARACHUTE TOWER ON MOSCOW PARK THAT IT WOULD LEAD ME TO THE BATTLE-FIELD!

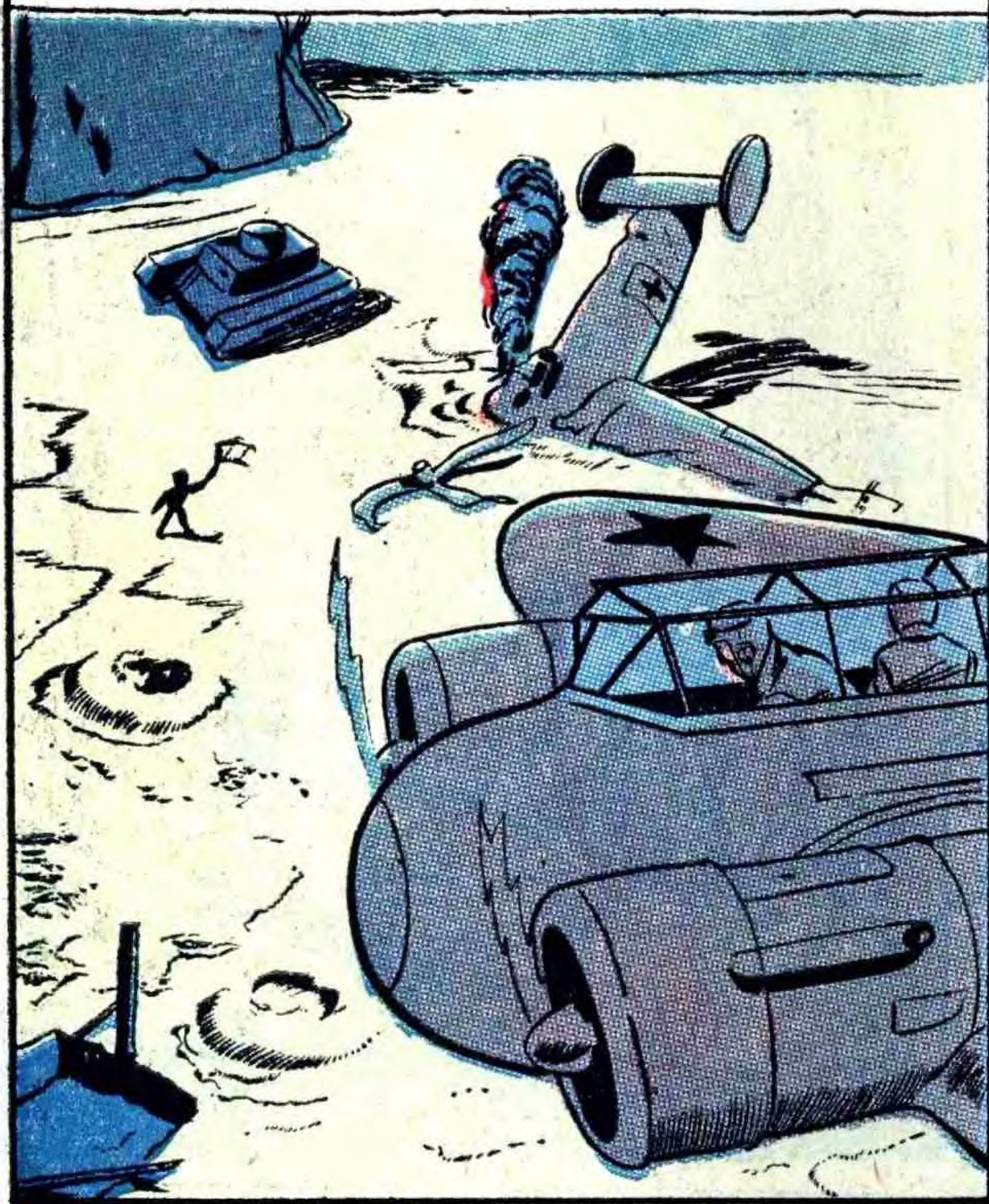


YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN SPARED THESE TERRIBLE SIGHTS CAUSED BY NAZI INVADERS.... IF ONLY THERE WERE LEFT SOME LANDING FIELD!

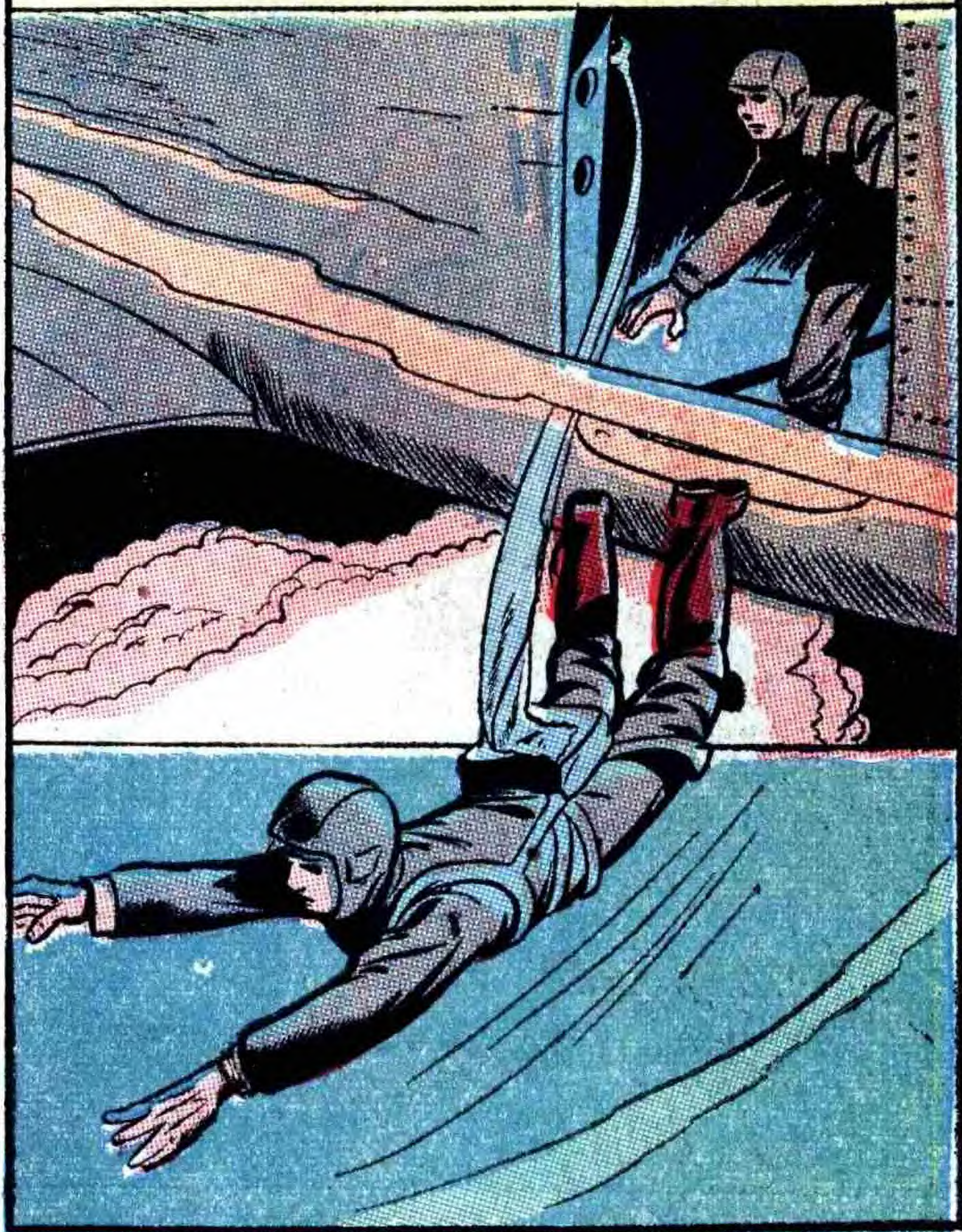
IN THAT CASE, OUR PLANE COULD HAVE DESCENDED AND FLOWN BACK WITH THE EMERGENCY CASES!



YES, WE COULD SEE THE TERRIBLE DIS-
ORDER AS OUR PLANE CIRCLED YOUR
FIELD AND AS YOU SIGNALLED TO US!



WHEN WE NURSES SAW THAT THE PLANE COULD
NOT LAND, WE JUST JUMPED, THE PILOT
THEN RETURNED TO ITS BASE



WE THEN ATTENDED TO THE SOLDIERS
WOUNDS TREATING THEM WITH THE
WONDERFUL "SULFA" DRUGS MOST OF
WHICH COME FROM AMERICA THROUGH
RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF

SHOW ME WHERE
YOU'RE WOUNDED
COMRADE

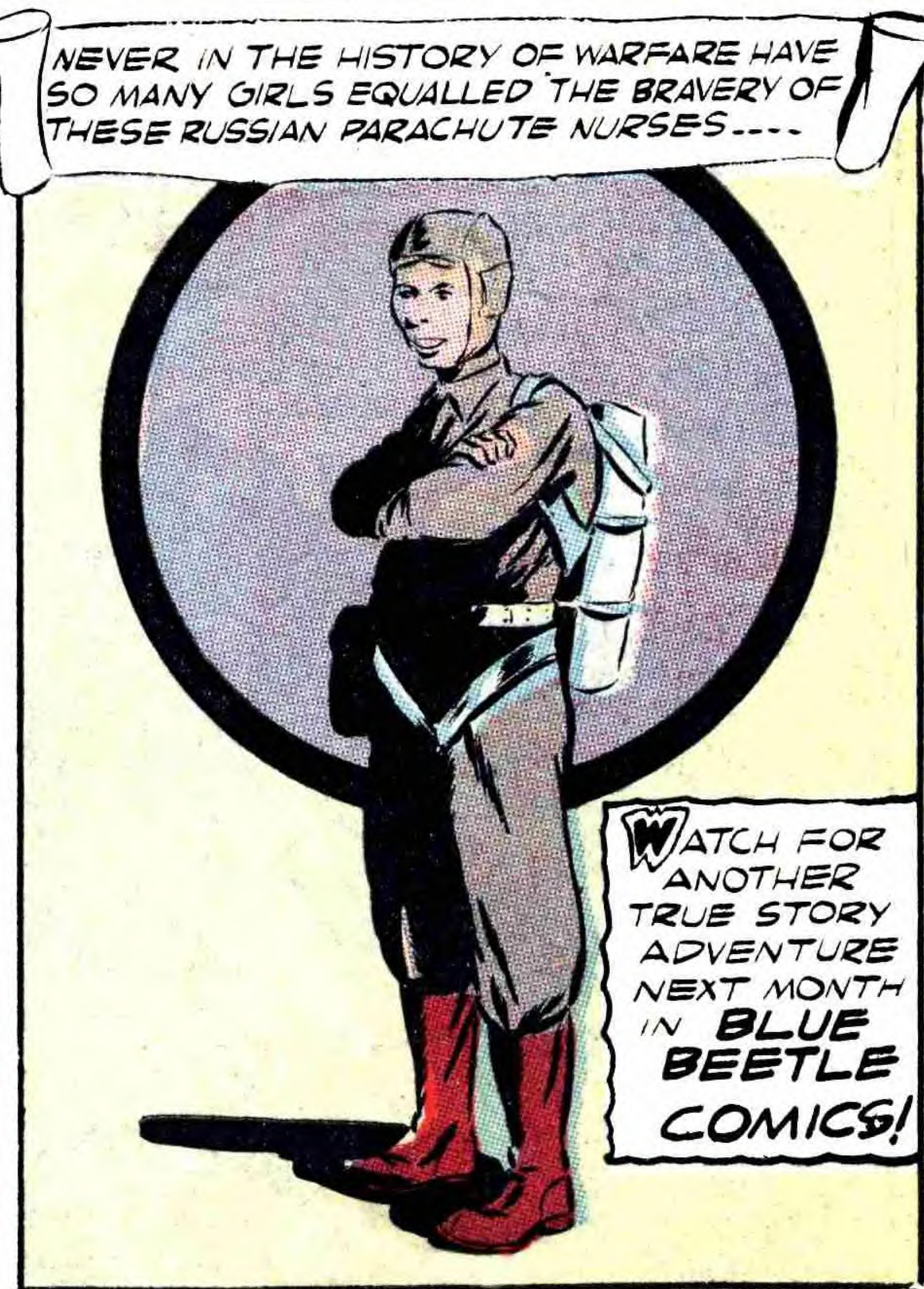
M.... MY CH....
CHEST I CAN'T....
IT HURTS.... OHHHH....



WE ALSO MANAGED TO MORE OR LESS
CLEAR THE FIELD SO THAT THE
HOSPITAL PLANE COULD LAND AND
REMOVE THE MOST SERIOUS CASES....

THOSE NURSES ARE
WONDERFUL, THEY CLEARED
THIS FIELD IN NO TIME
AT ALL !





The BLUE BEETLE

WHEN DAN GARRETT, (THE BLUE BEETLE) RETURNED TO CENTRE CITY FOR A WELL DESERVED VACATION, HE LITTLE REALIZED THAT HIS PERIOD OF REST WOULD BECOME...
...! **A HOLIDAY WITH DEATH!**

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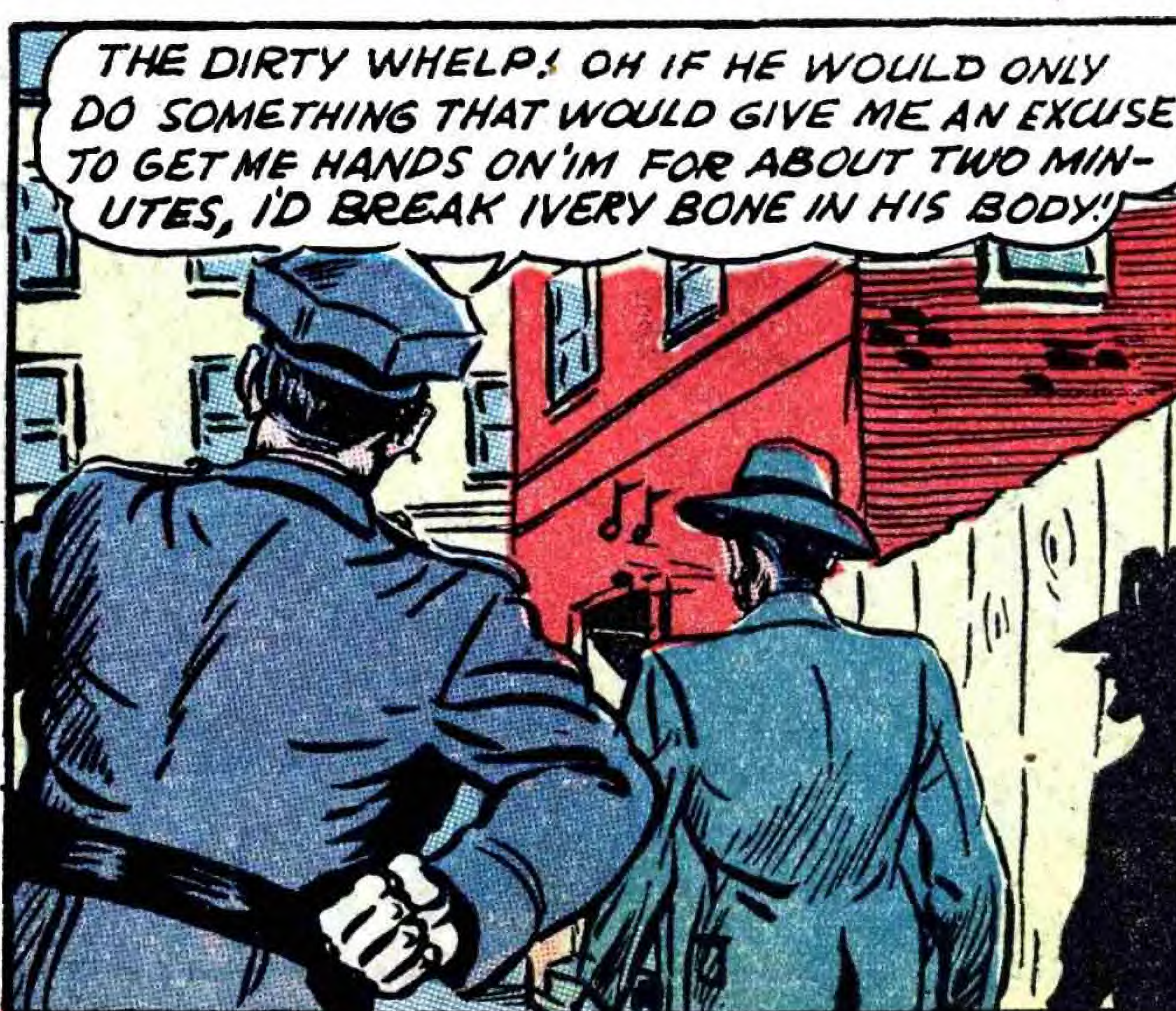
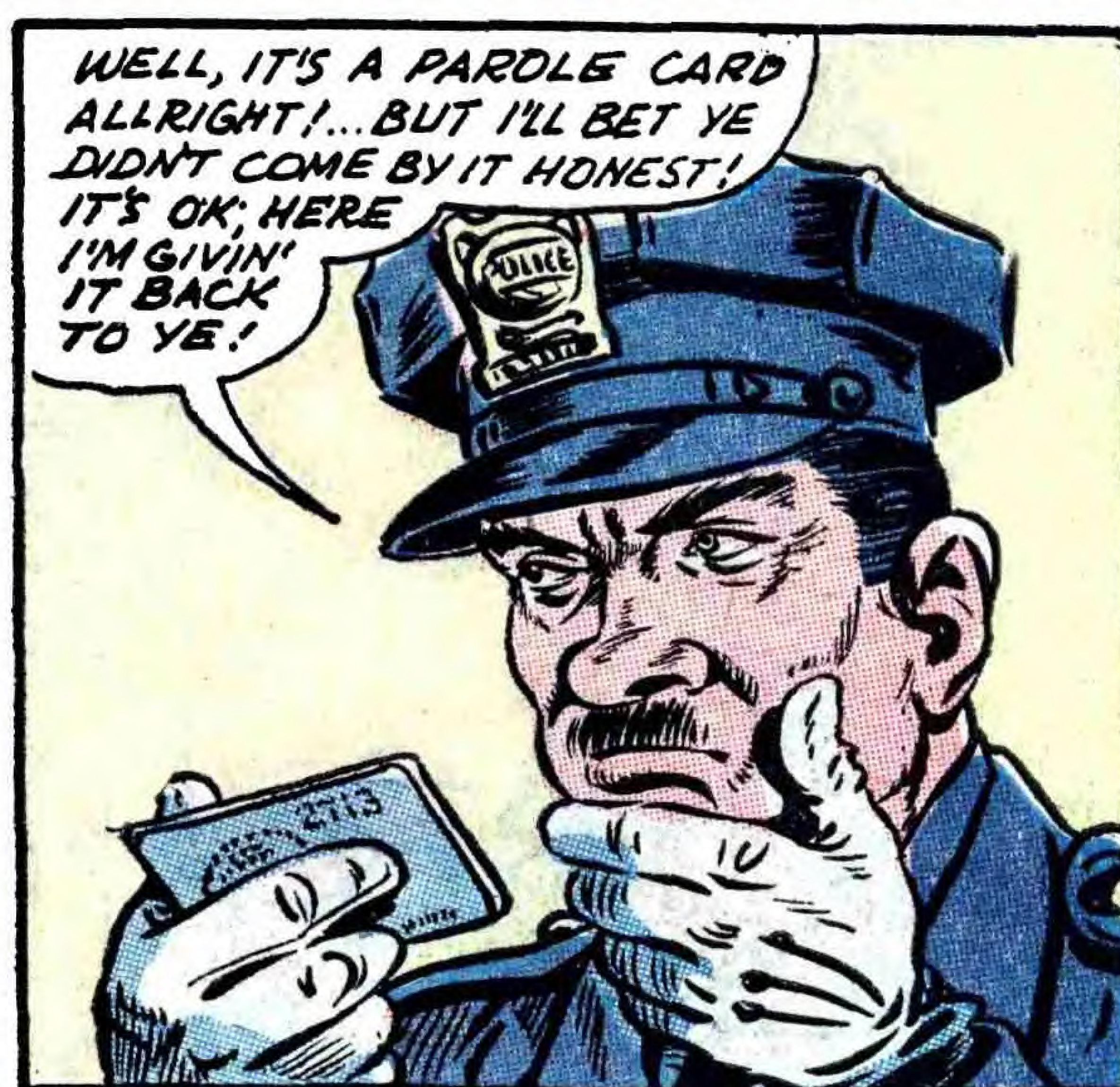
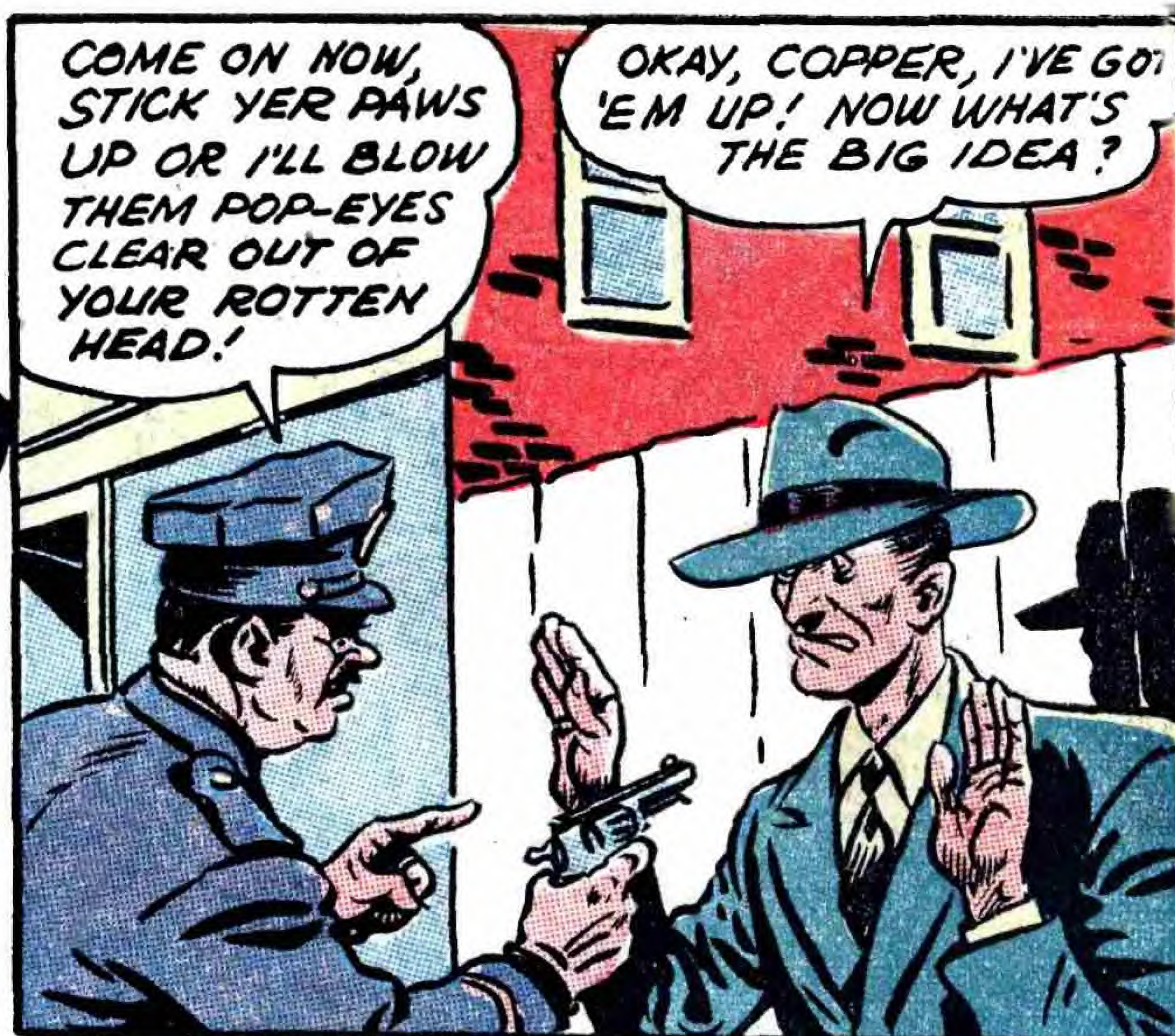


...T'IS A FINE SUNNY MORNING...
AS OFFICER MIKE MANNIGAN PATROLS
HIS BEAT...WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE
AND A SONG IN HIS HEART; WHEN SUDDENLY..!

..HELLO,
MANNIGAN,
YA DUMB
FLATFOOT!

NO! IT AINT! IT
CAN'T BE! "BUG-EYE"
BA..EY! HE'S BEEN
PAROLED! HEAVEN
PROTECT US!





AS 'BUG-EYE' DISAPPEARS AROUND A CORNER, MIKE CAN NO LONGER RESTRAIN HIS INDIGNATION!

WHAT THE DEVIL KIND OF JELLYFISH HAVE THEY GOT ON THAT PAROLE BOARD? -- HOW? -- I'M ASKIN' -- CAN THEY LET A THEIVIN' MURDERER LIKE THAT RUN LOOSE?!!



BUT, WHAT KIN I DO? I'M ONLY A PLAIN COP! -- NOW IF I WAS THE MAYOR OR SOMETHIN' -- SAY! THAT'S AN IDEA! -- THERE IS SOMETHIN' -- THE PAPERS! THAT'S IT! THE NEWSPAPERS!

GEE HE LOOKS AWFUL MAD

NAW HE AINT HE'S JUST NUTS!



TO-MORROW IS ME DAY OFF, I'LL DO IT, YEP, BE JABBERS, I'LL SHOW YOU MISTER 'BUG-EYE' BAILEY!



The
NEXT MORNING
AT THE OFFICE
OF THE 'CLARION',
CENTRE CITY'S
LEADING
NEWSPAPER!

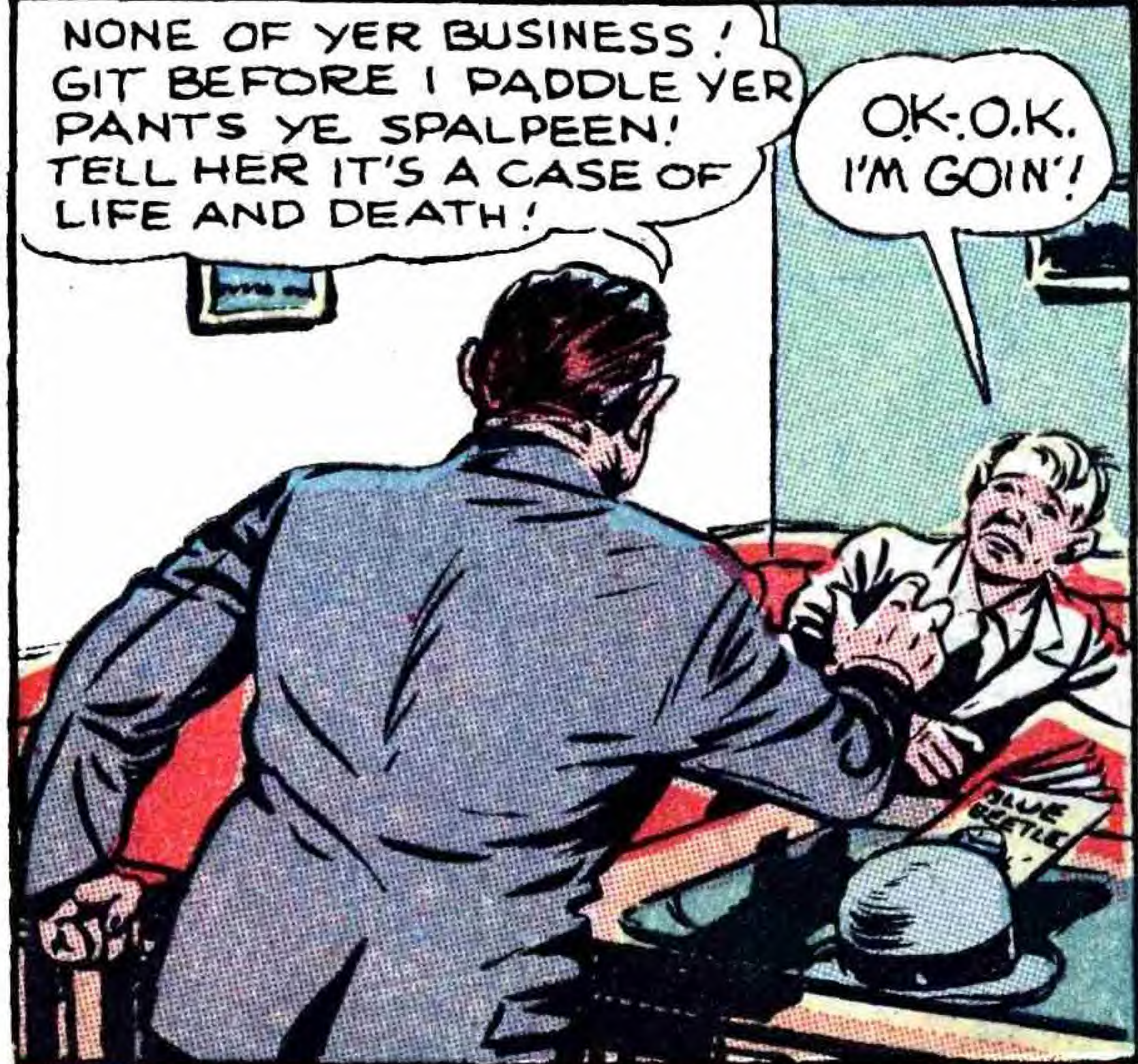
WOULD YE BE SO KIND AS TO INFORM MISS JOAN MASON THAT OFFICER MIKE MANNIGAN WOULD LIKE TO SEE HER FOR A COUPLE OF MINUTES!

WHAT D'YA WANTA SEE HER ABOUT?



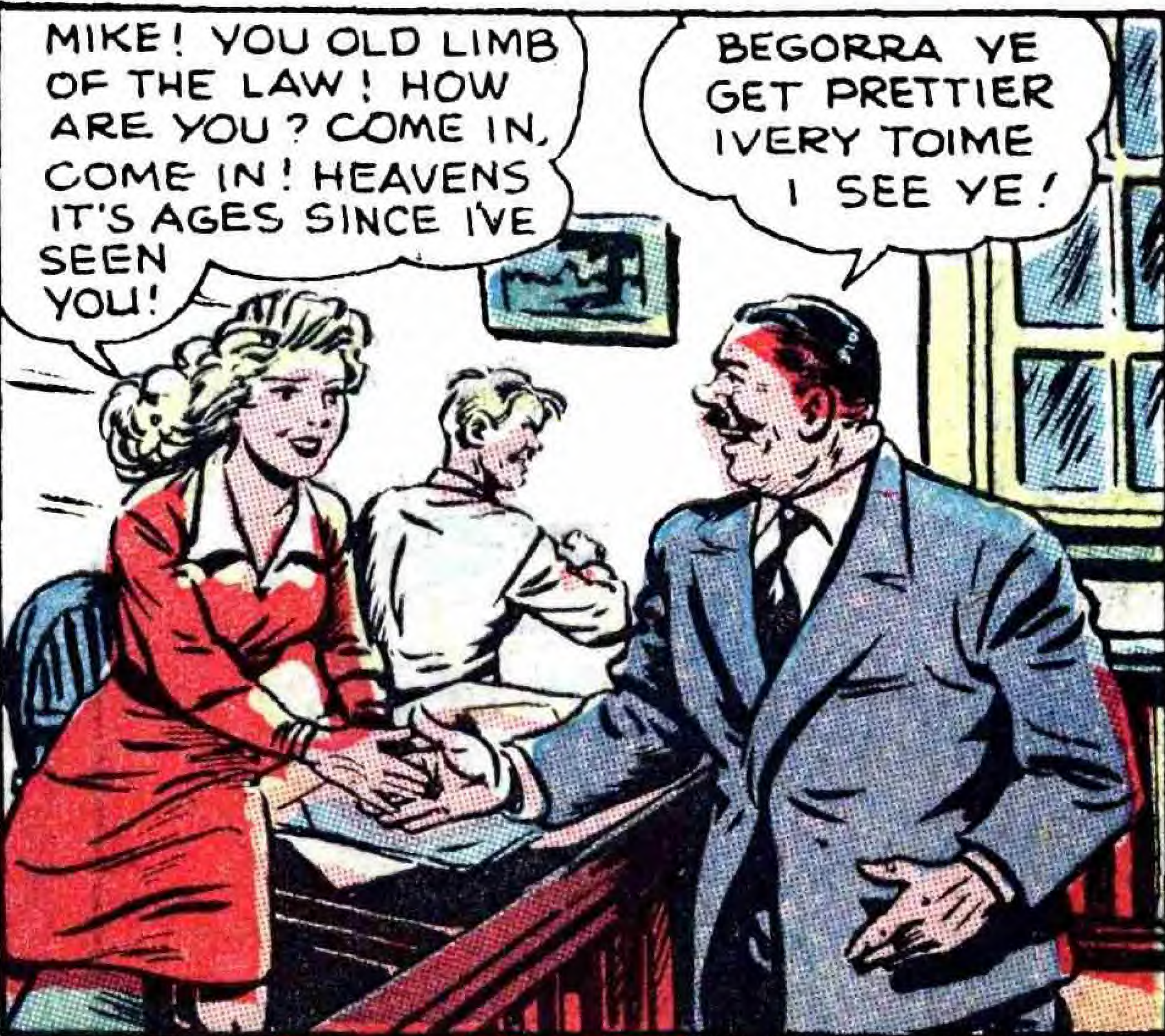
NONE OF YER BUSINESS! GIT BEFORE I PADDLE YER PANTS YE SPALPEEN! TELL HER IT'S A CASE OF LIFE AND DEATH!

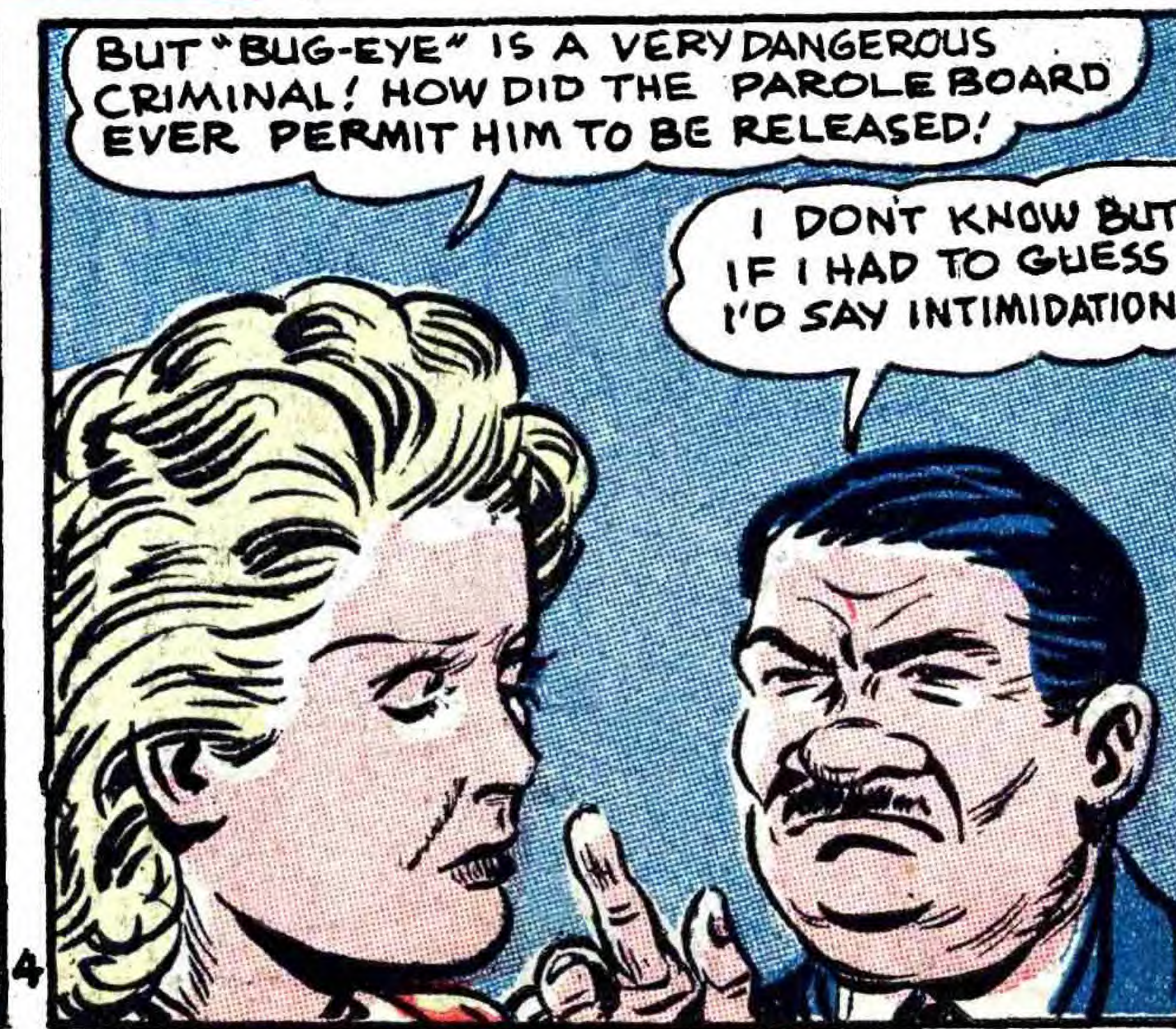
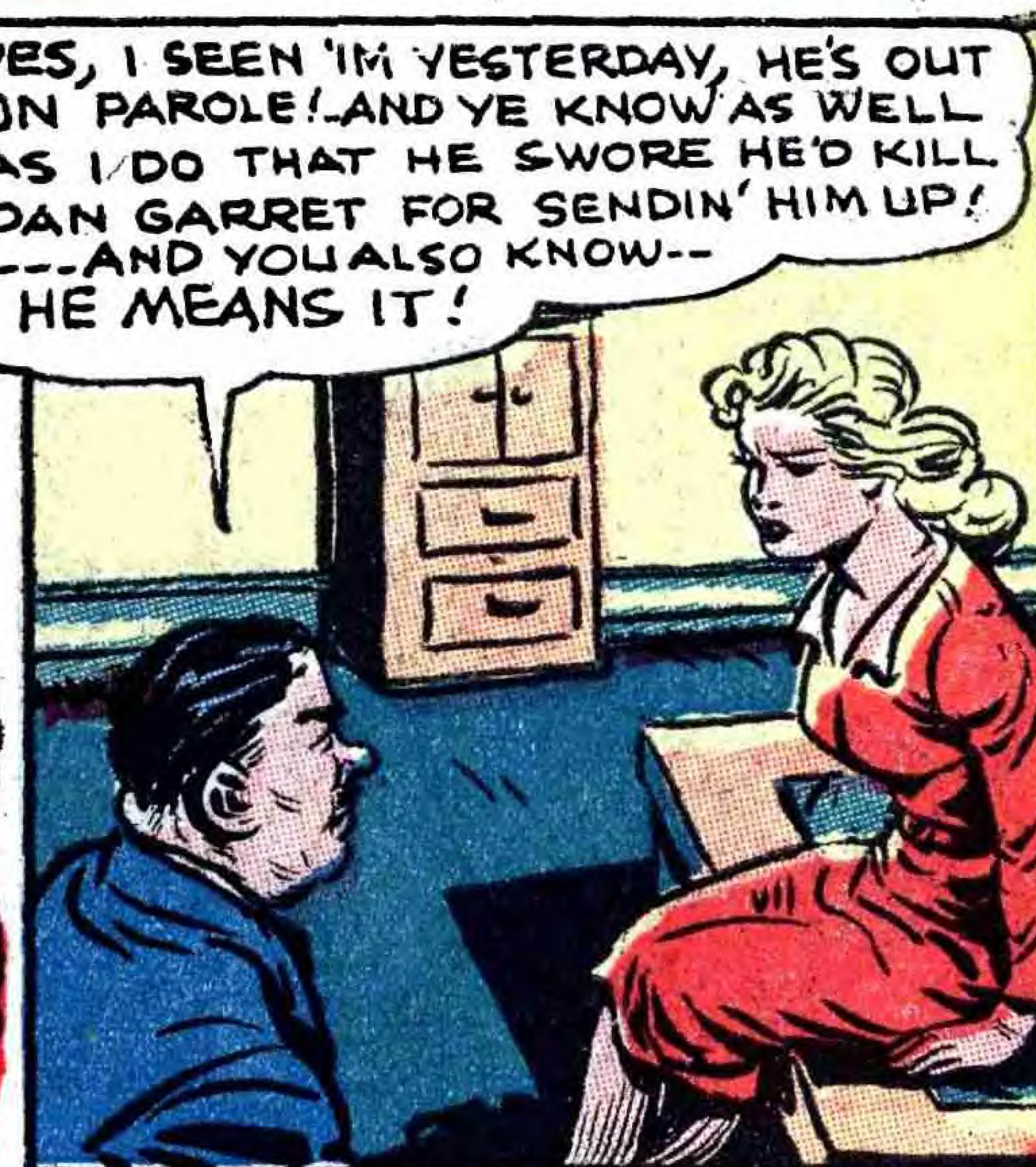
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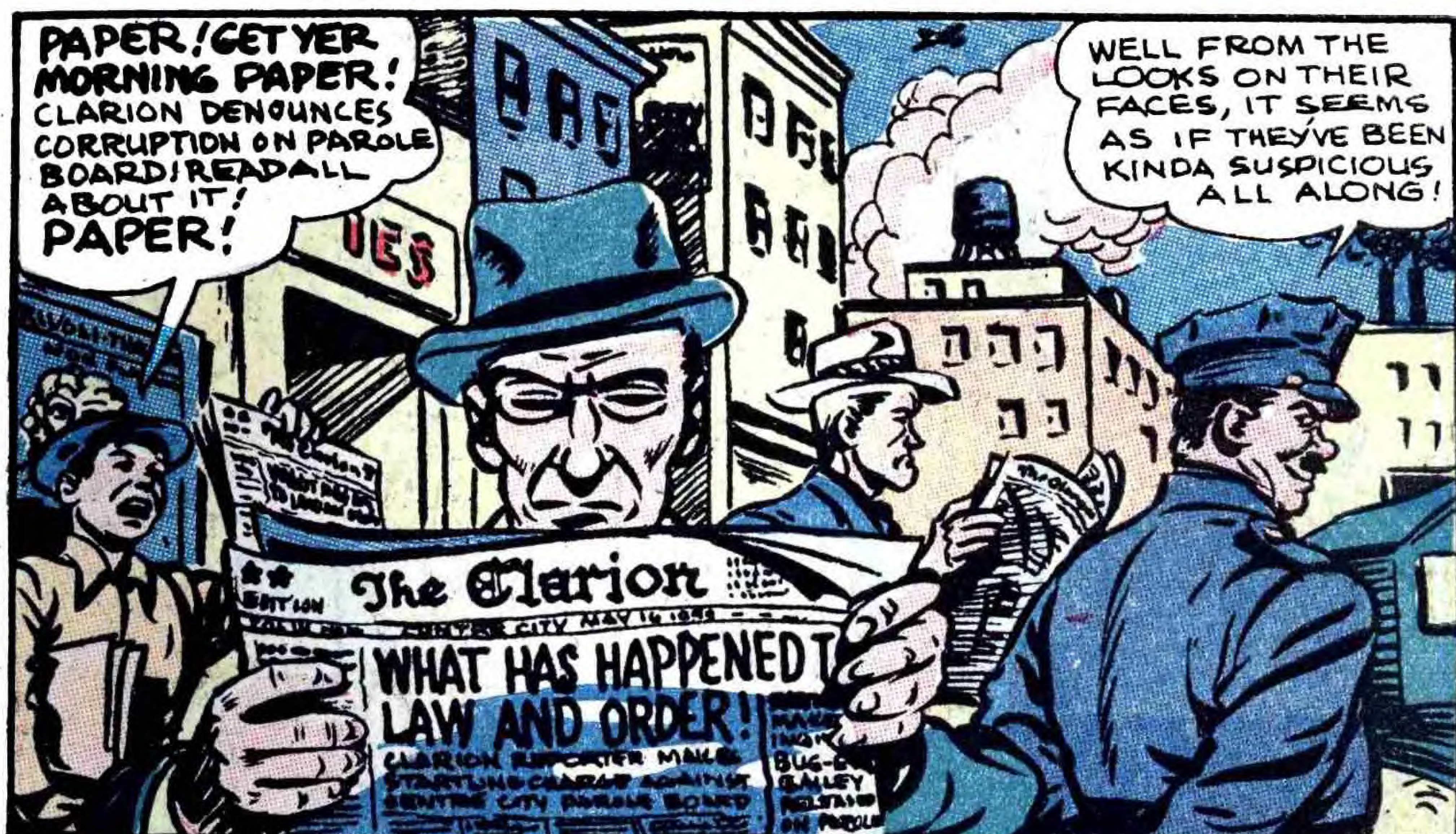


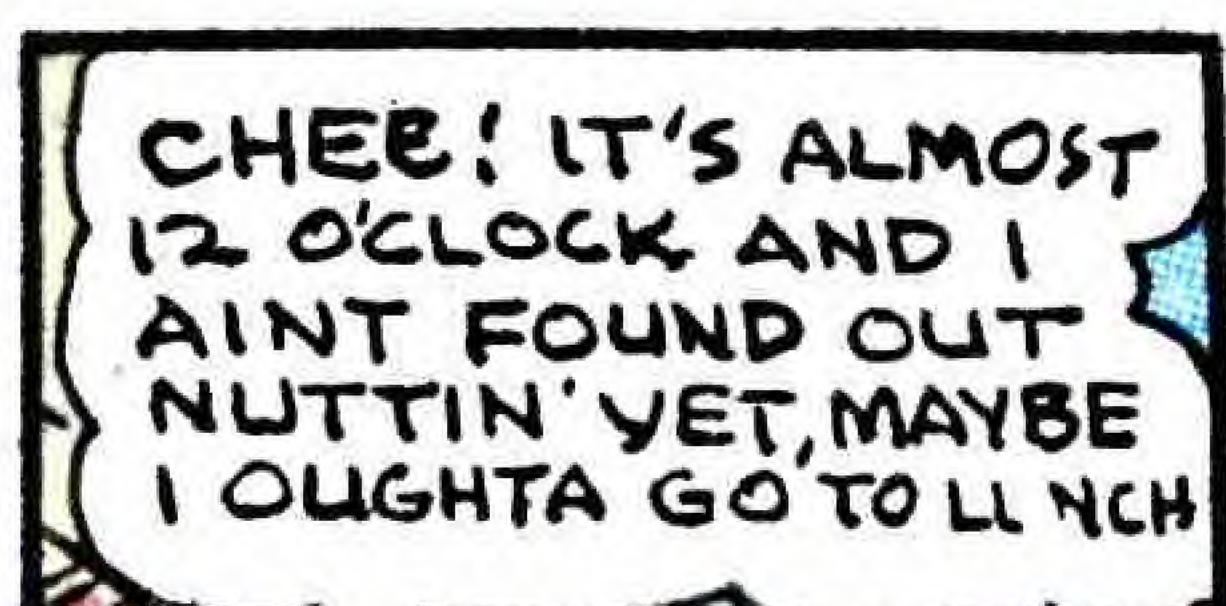
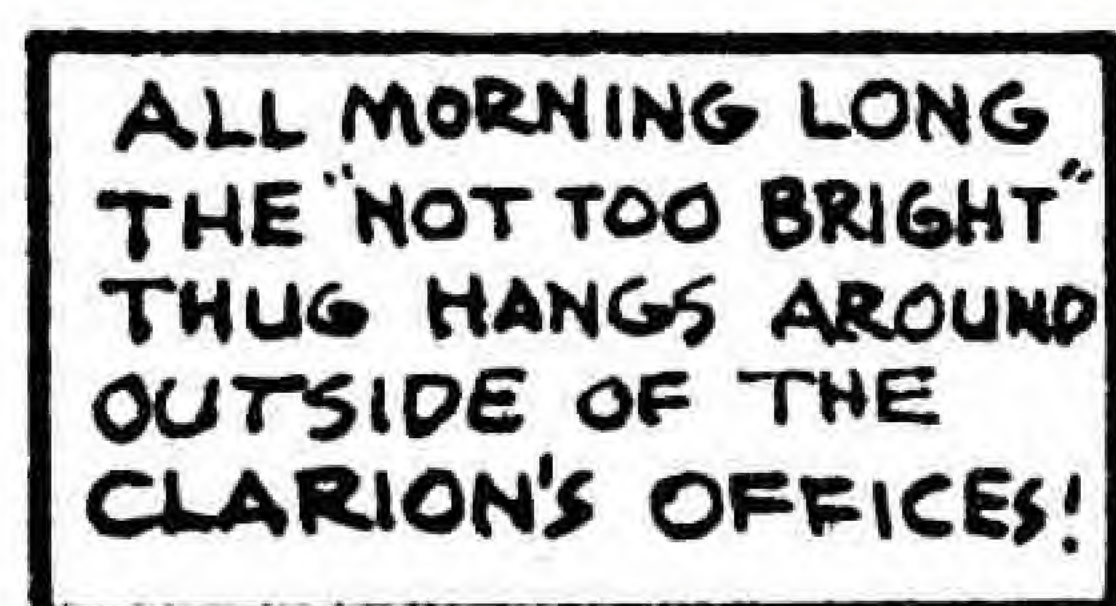
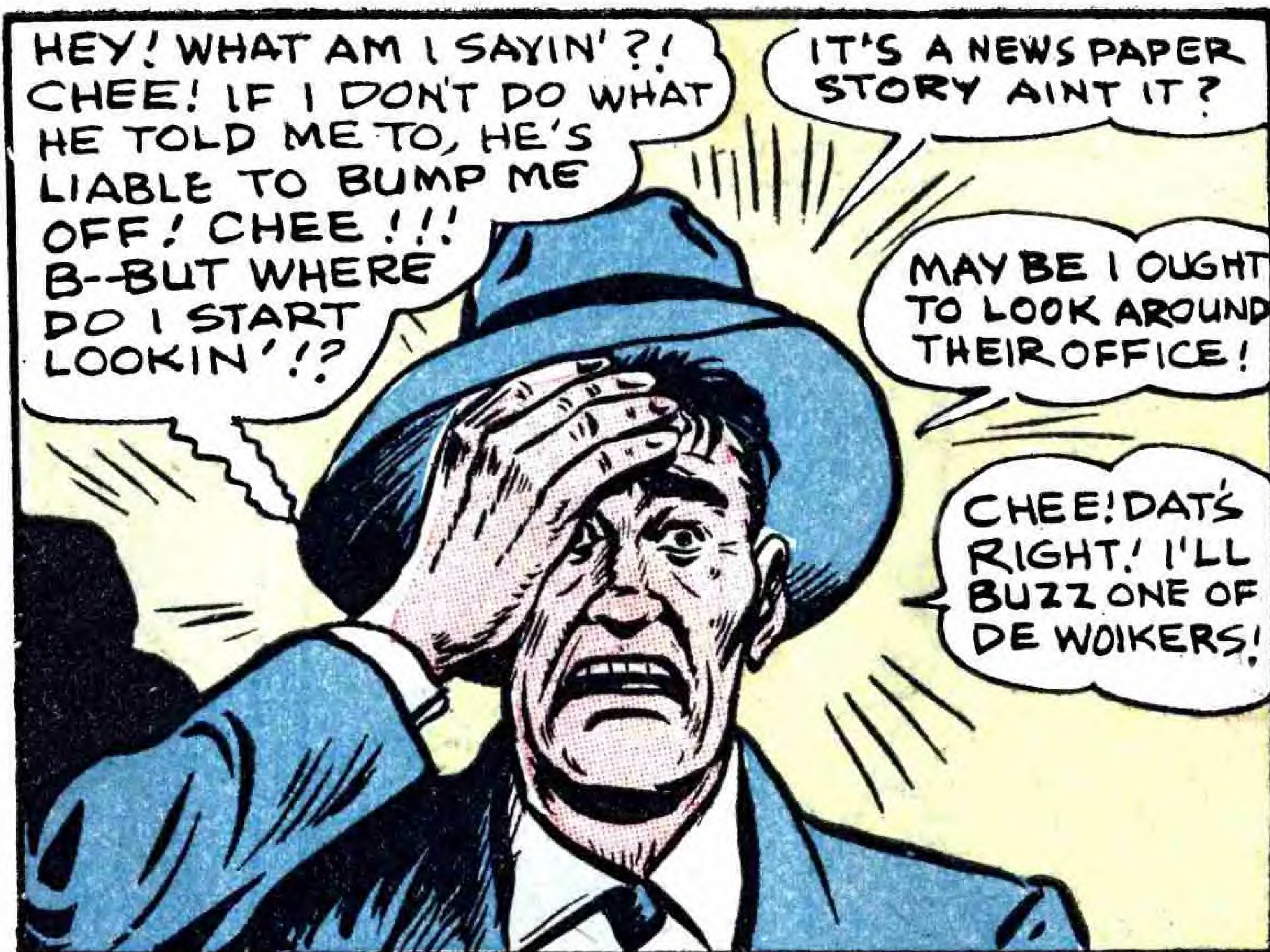
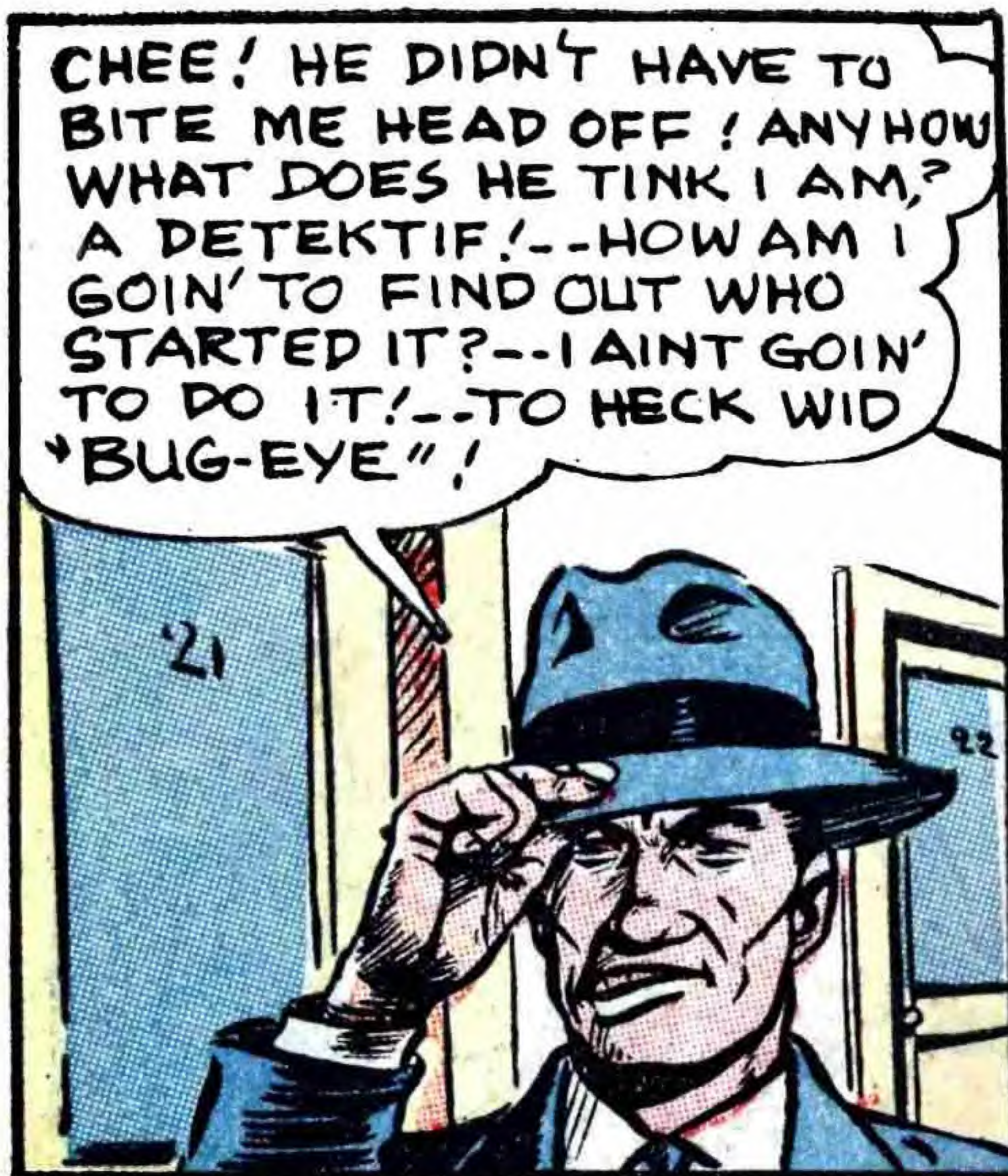
MIKE! YOU OLD LIMB OF THE LAW! HOW ARE YOU? COME IN, COME IN! HEAVENS IT'S AGES SINCE I'VE SEEN YOU!

BEGORRA YE GET PRETTIER IVERY TOIME I SEE YE!









TWO HOURS LATER AS OFFICER MANNIGAN IS JUST ABOUT TO GO OFF DUTY!—

C'MON COPPER—"BUG-EYES" WANTS TO SEE YOU— DERE'S THREE RODS COVERIN' YOUSE SO DONT GET ANY BRIGHT IDEAS— GET IN DAT CAB!

OH-OH!



..THEN A LITTLE LATER AS JOAN MASON STARTS HOME FROM WORK!

EXCUSE ME MISS MASON BUT "BUG-EYE" BAILEY WOULD LIKE DE PLEASURE OF YER COMPANY AND NO SCREECHIN' OR YA GETS IT RIGHT HERE!

YOU RATS!



...MEANWHILE ON A FAST TRAIN APPROACHING CENTRE CITY'S UNION STATION!..

OH BOY! AM I GLAD I GOT THIS VACATION!..I'LL BET JOAN AND THE BOYS AT THE STATION HOUSE WILL BE MIGHTY SURPRIZED TO SEE ME!!

WANT TO READ THIS CLARION MR. GARRET?



HUH!--OH, THE CLARION! MY FAVORITE NEWSPAPER YES BY ALL MEANS, THANKS!

THATS O.K. YOUR WELCOME (I'M ALL THROUGH WITH IT!)



..THEN AS DAN GARRET (THE BLUE BEETLE) SCANS THE HEADLINES!!--

HOLY MACKERAL! WHAT'S THIS? "BUG-EYE" BAILEY RELEASED ON PAROLE! CLARION REPORTER DEMANDS INQUIRY INTO LAXITY OF MEMBERS OF PAROLE BOARD!-- OH-OH I GET OFF NOW!

CENTRE CITY!



LEAVING THE TRAIN, DAN HURRIES AT ONCE TO HIS FORMER POLICE PRECINCT!

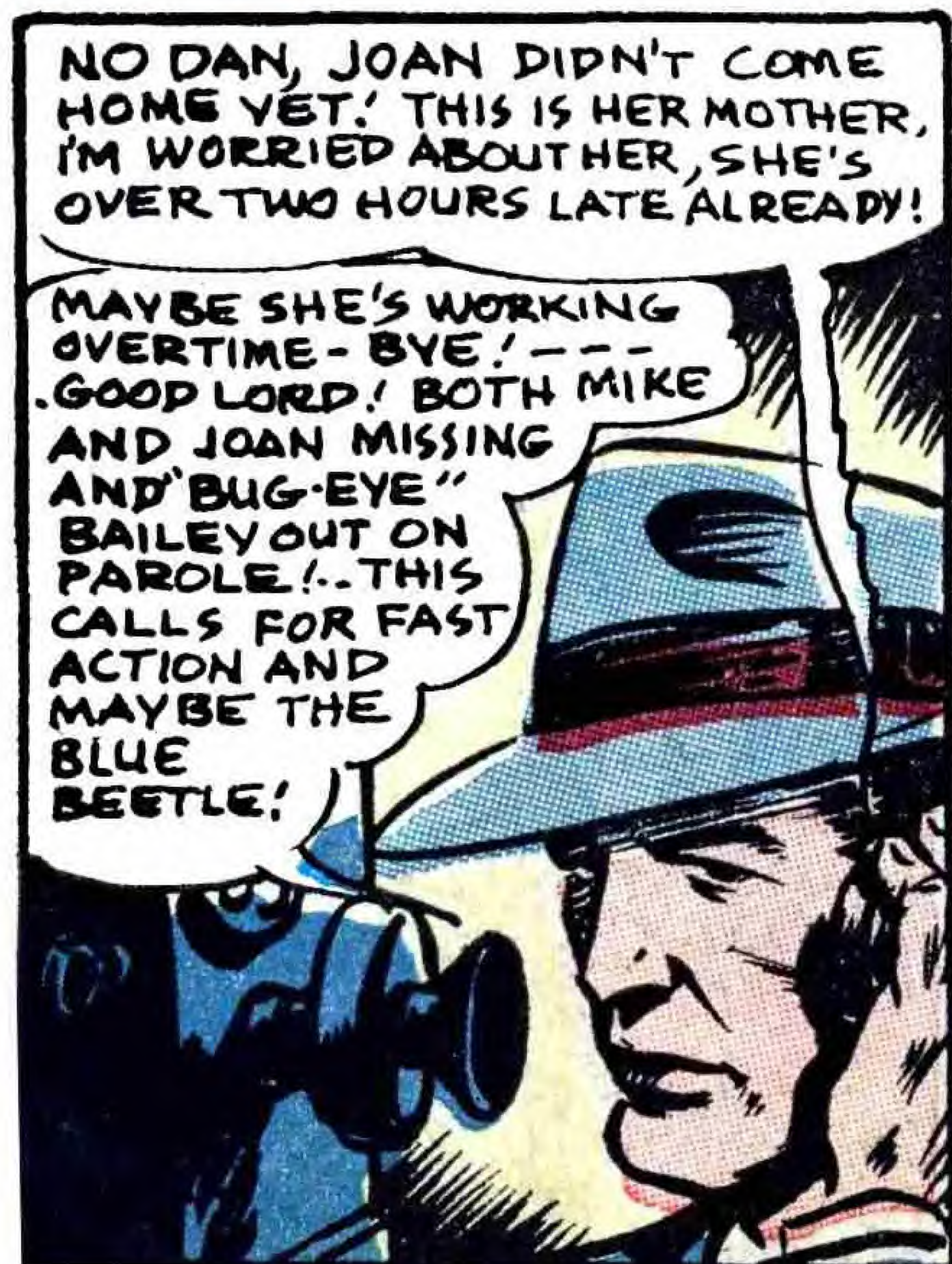
I CANT FIGURE IT OUT DAN, MIKE WAS SUPPOSED TO COME IN OFF DUTY THREE HOURS AGO THE MAN WHO RELIEVED HIM SAID HE COULDN'T FIND HIM ANYWHERE ON THE BEAT!-- YOU DONT THINK!

I DONT KNOW WHAT TO THINK! --BUT I'M GOING TO PHONE JOAN AT HER HOUSE RIGHT NOW!



NO DAN, JOAN DIDN'T COME HOME YET! THIS IS HER MOTHER, I'M WORRIED ABOUTHER, SHE'S OVER TWO HOURS LATE ALREADY!

MAYBE SHE'S WORKING OVERTIME- BYE!-- --GOOD LORD! BOTH MIKE AND JOAN MISSING AND "BUG-EYE" BAILEY OUT ON PAROLE!-- THIS CALLS FOR FAST ACTION AND MAYBE THE BLUE BEETLE!



MEANWHILE AT "BUG-EYE'S" ROOM!

SO YOU WAS GOIN' TO GET ME SENT BACK TO DE BIG HOUSE, EH!-- YA KNEW I SWORE TO GET EVEN WID DAN GARRETT AND YA WANT TO PREVENT IT! BUT I'M GETTIN' EVEN ANYHOW BY KILLIN' YOU NOW! "NUTSY" GET ME DE WOOD-PECKER!

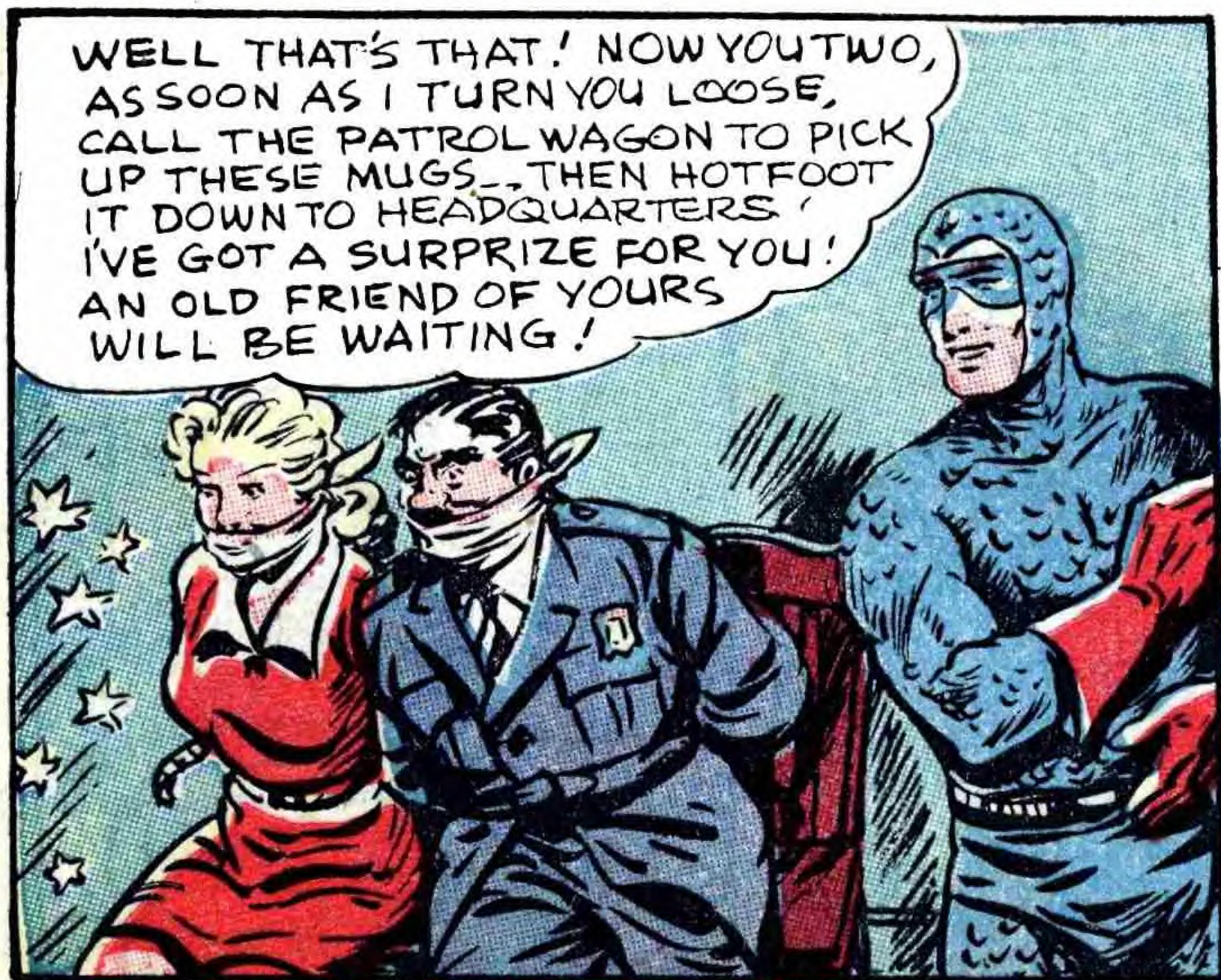
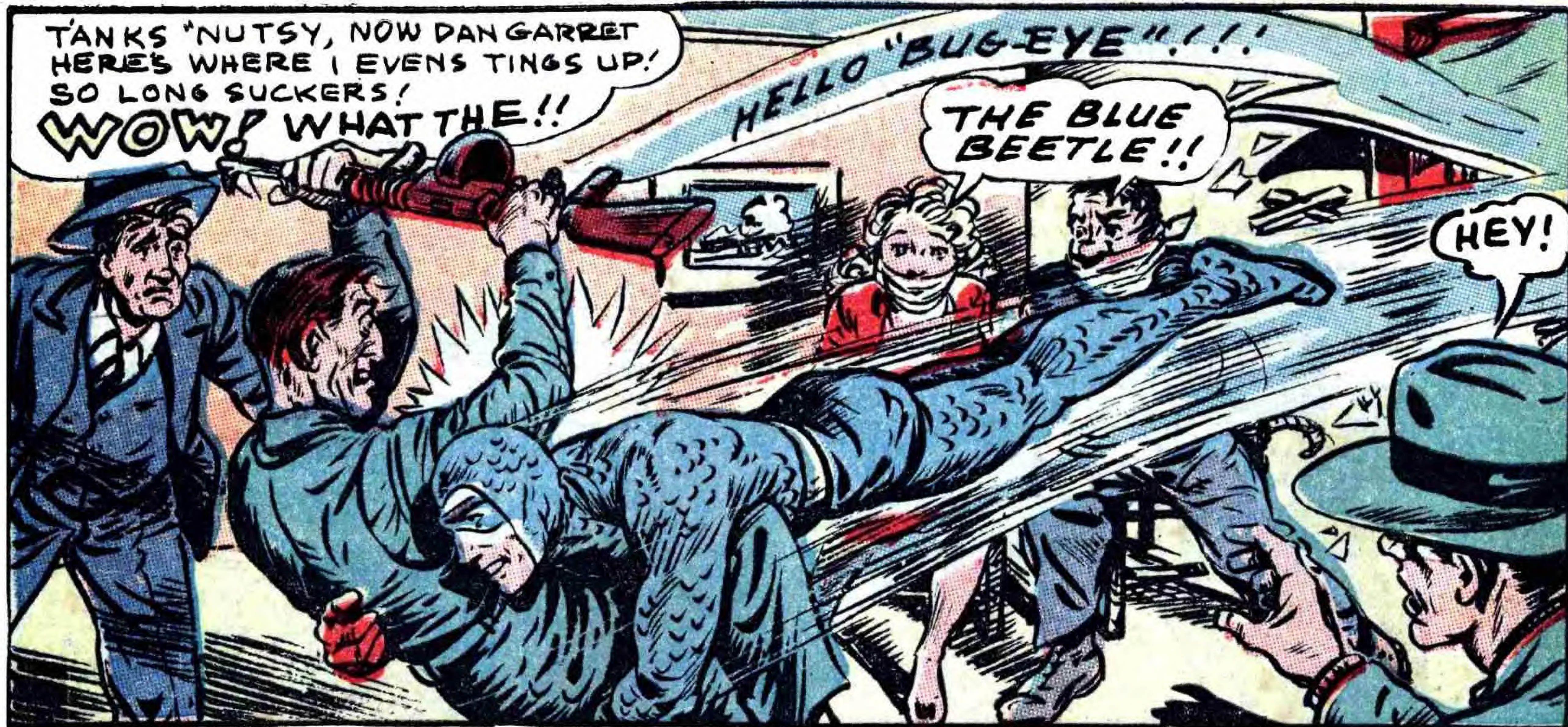
OKAY BOSS!



AS JOAN AND MIKE PREPARE FOR THE WORST... DAN SUDDENLY APPEARS ON A ROOF DIRECTLY OPPOSITE FROM THE GANGSTER'S ROOM!

IT'S THEM! JOAN AND MIKE! HE'S GOT THEM! GOOD THING I FIGURED HE'D BE LIVING AT THE SAME PLACE HE USED TO! LET'S GO BLUE BEETLE!





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**BLUE
BEETLE**

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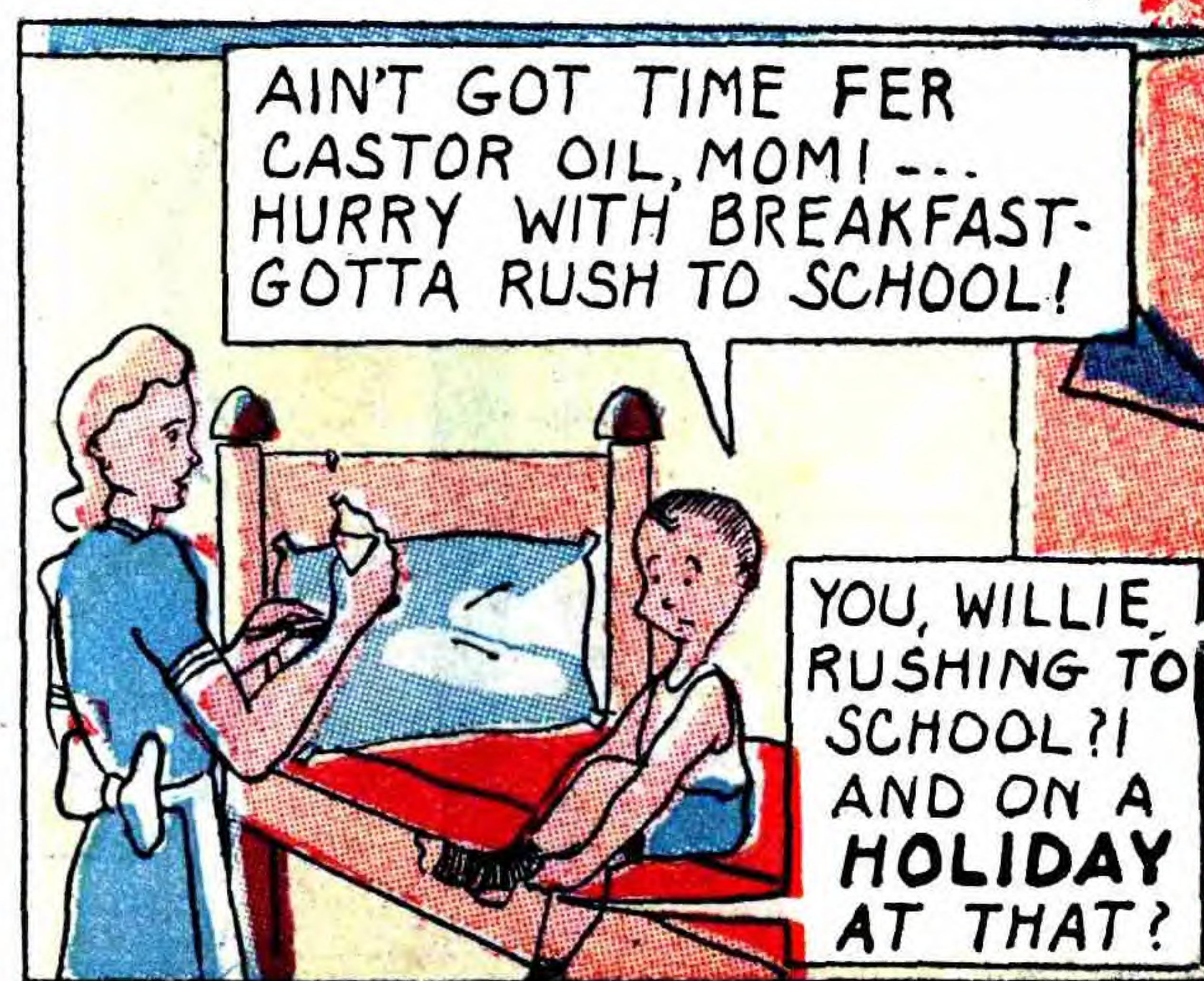
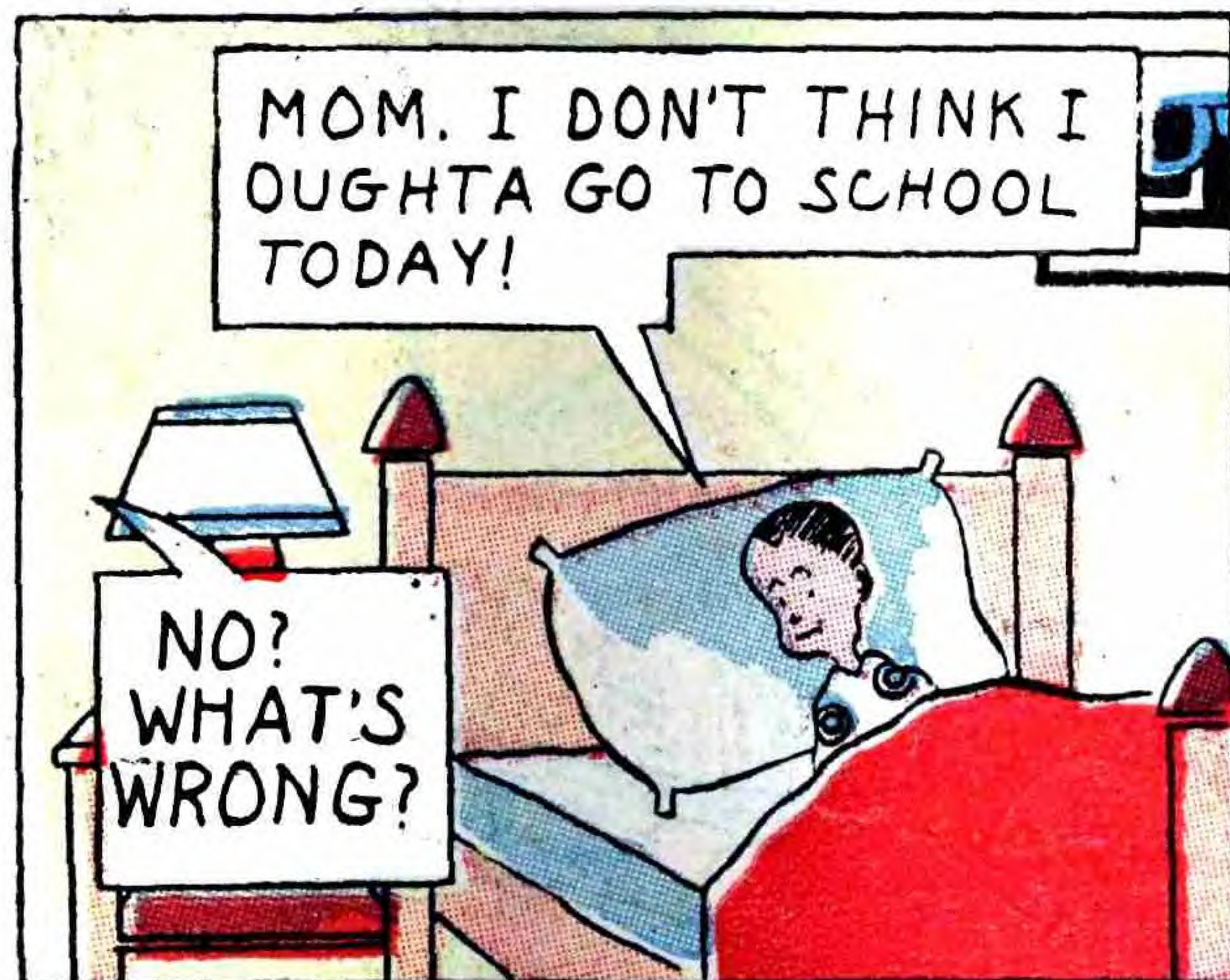
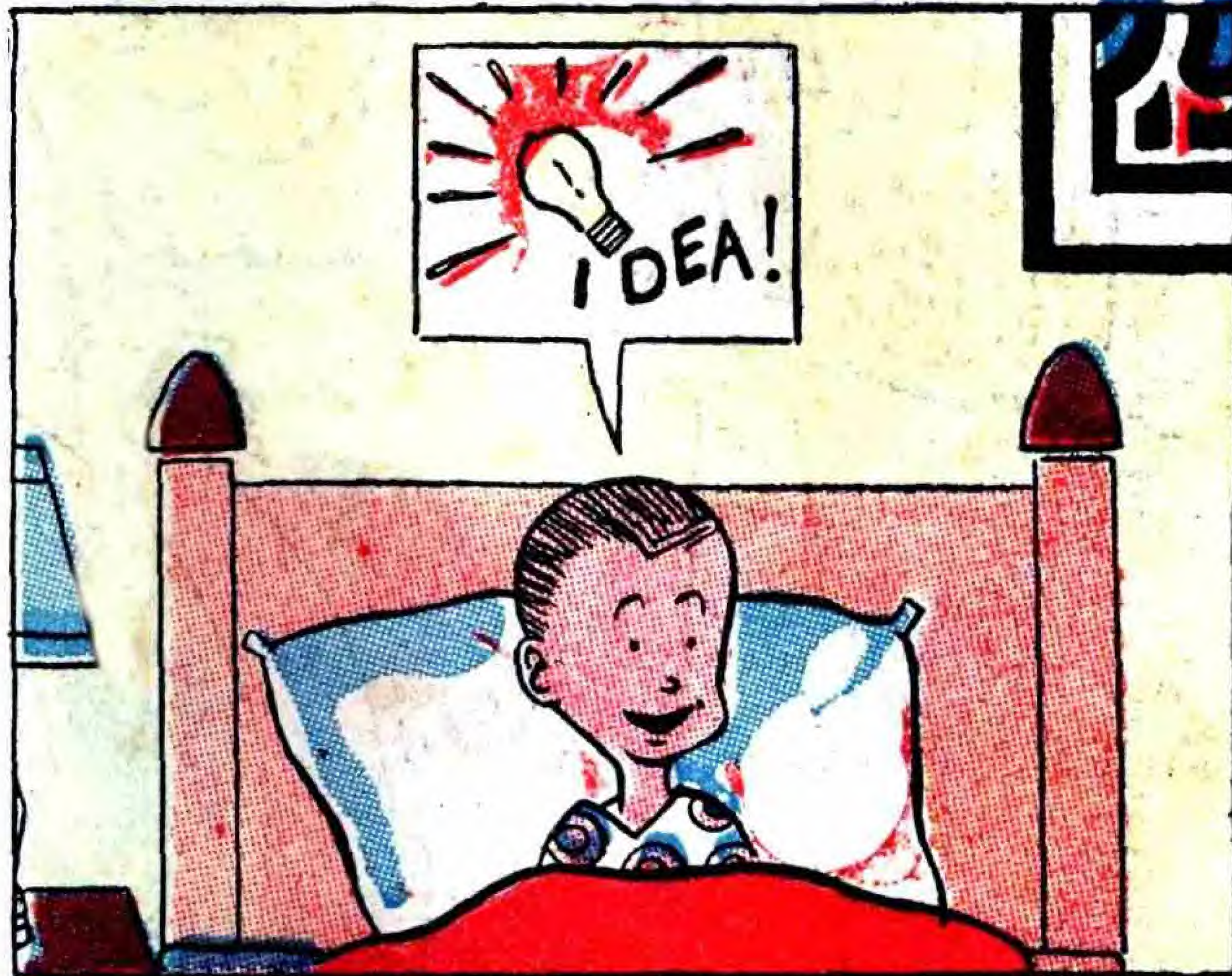
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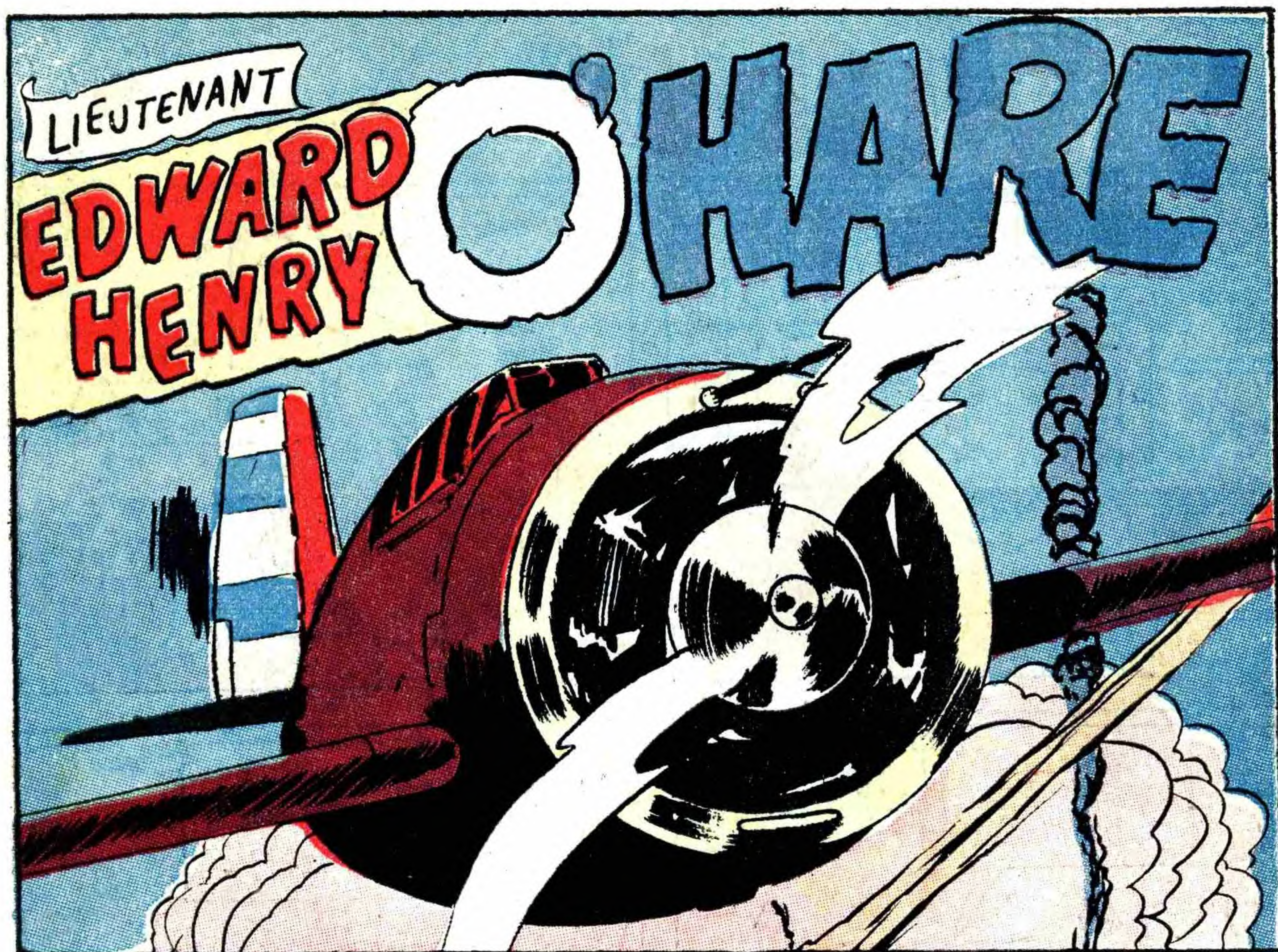


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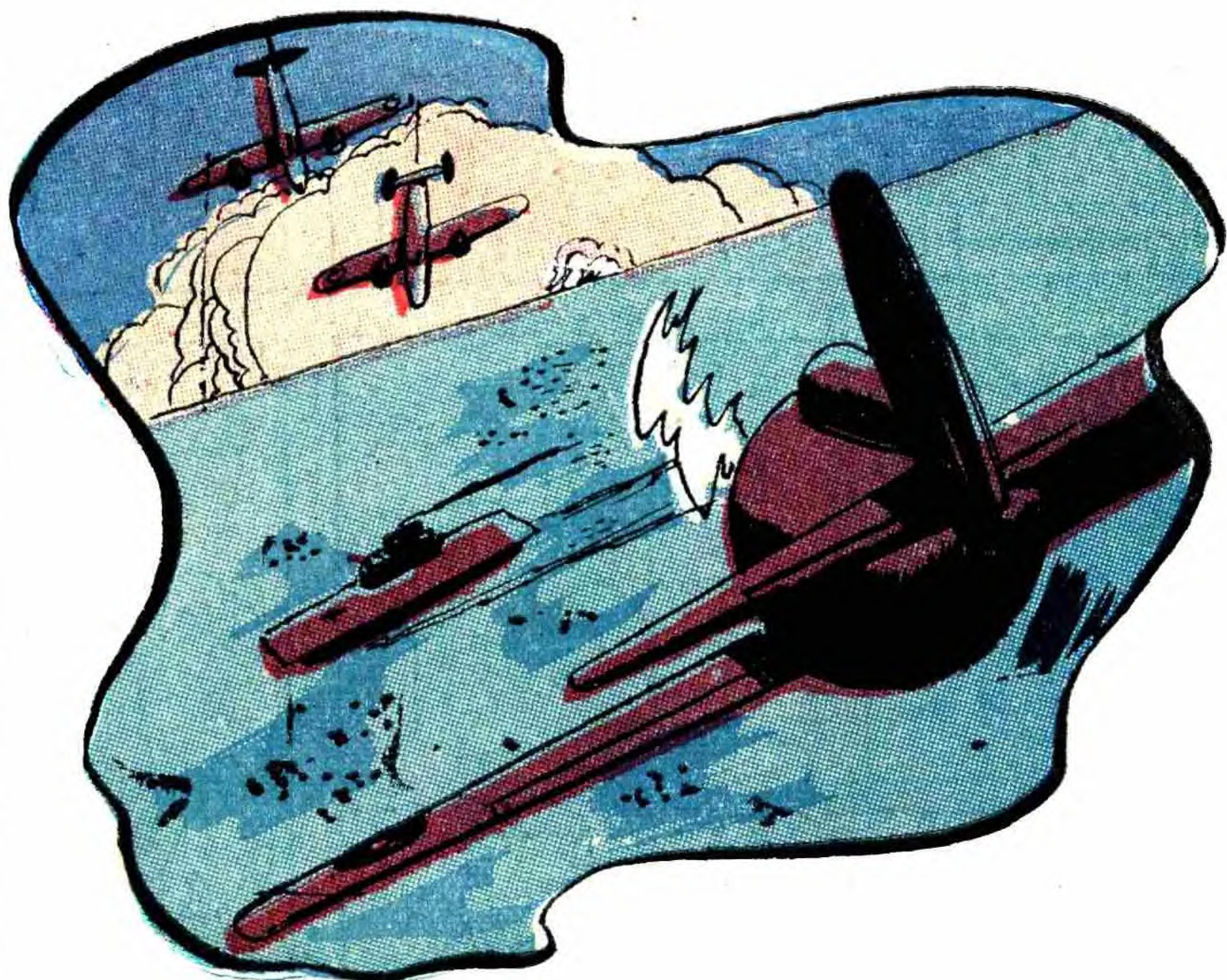
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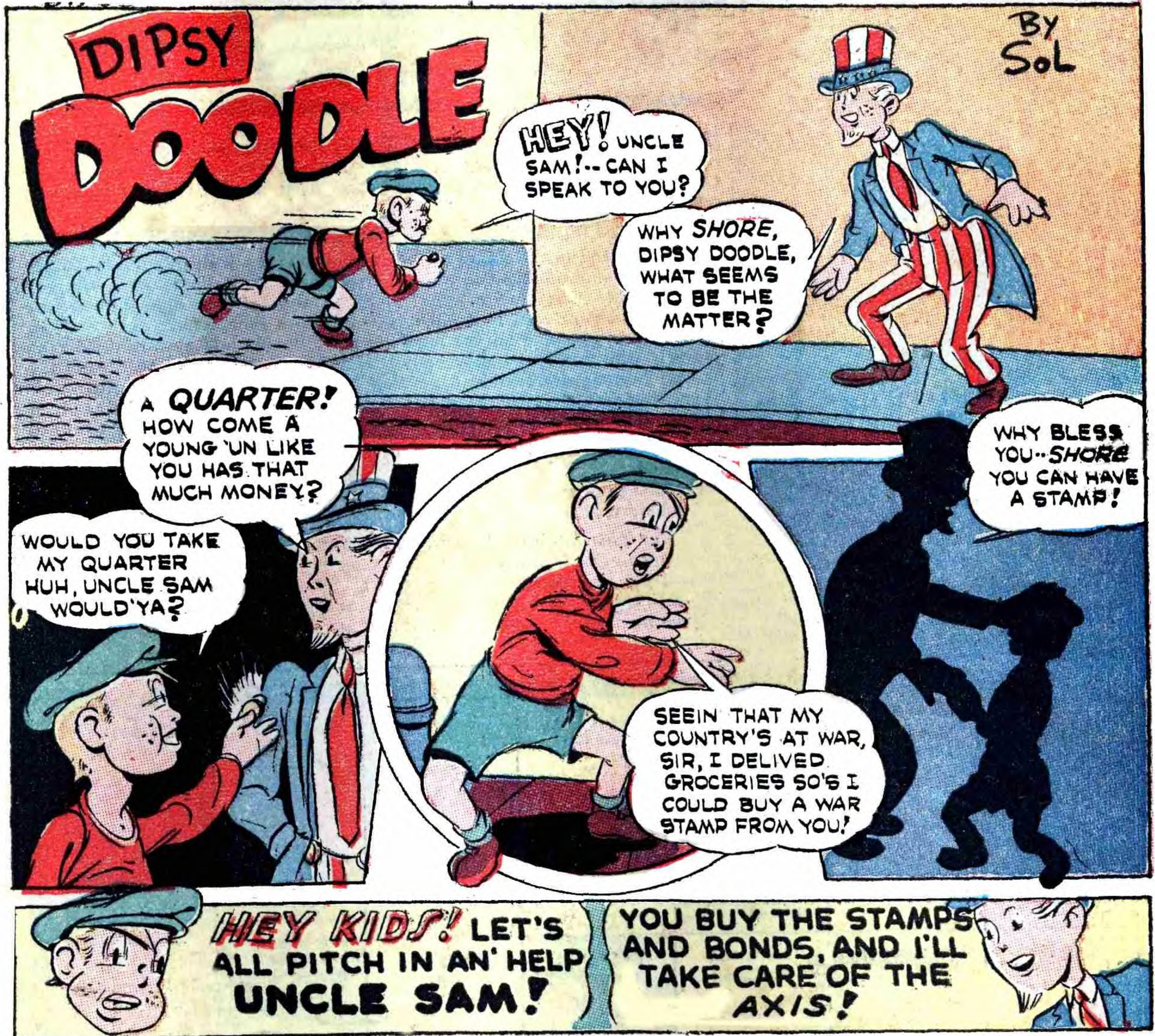
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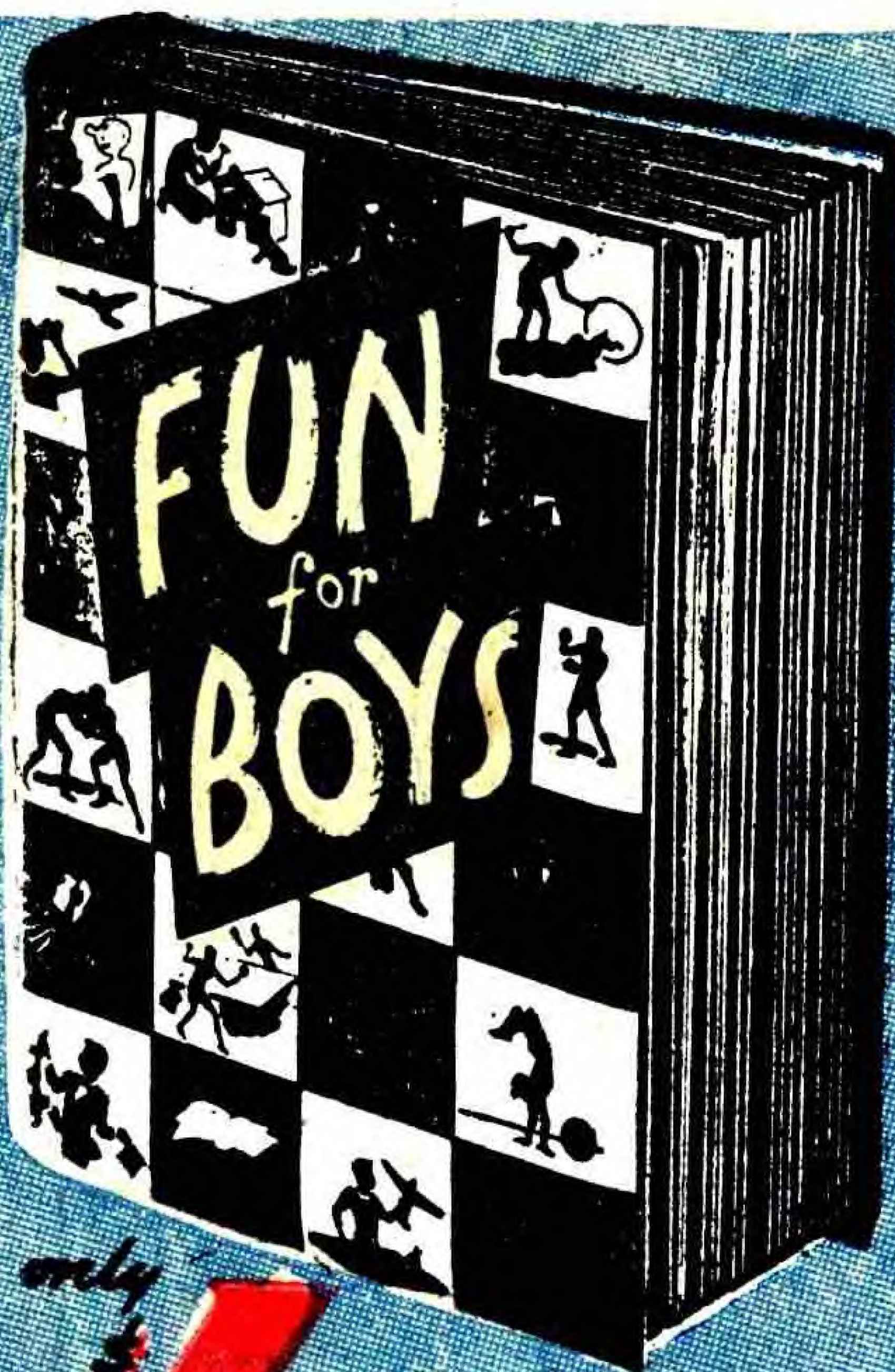
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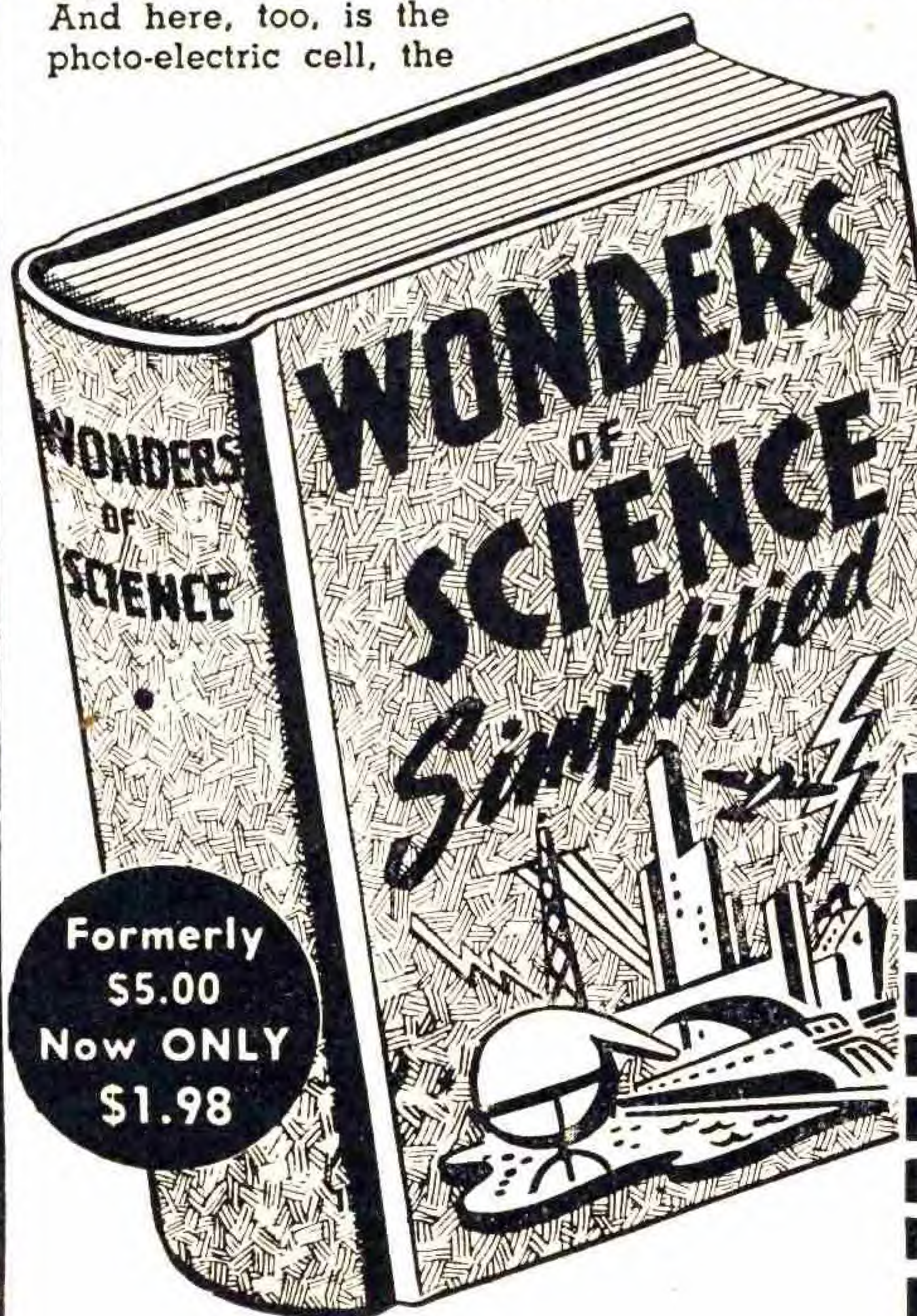
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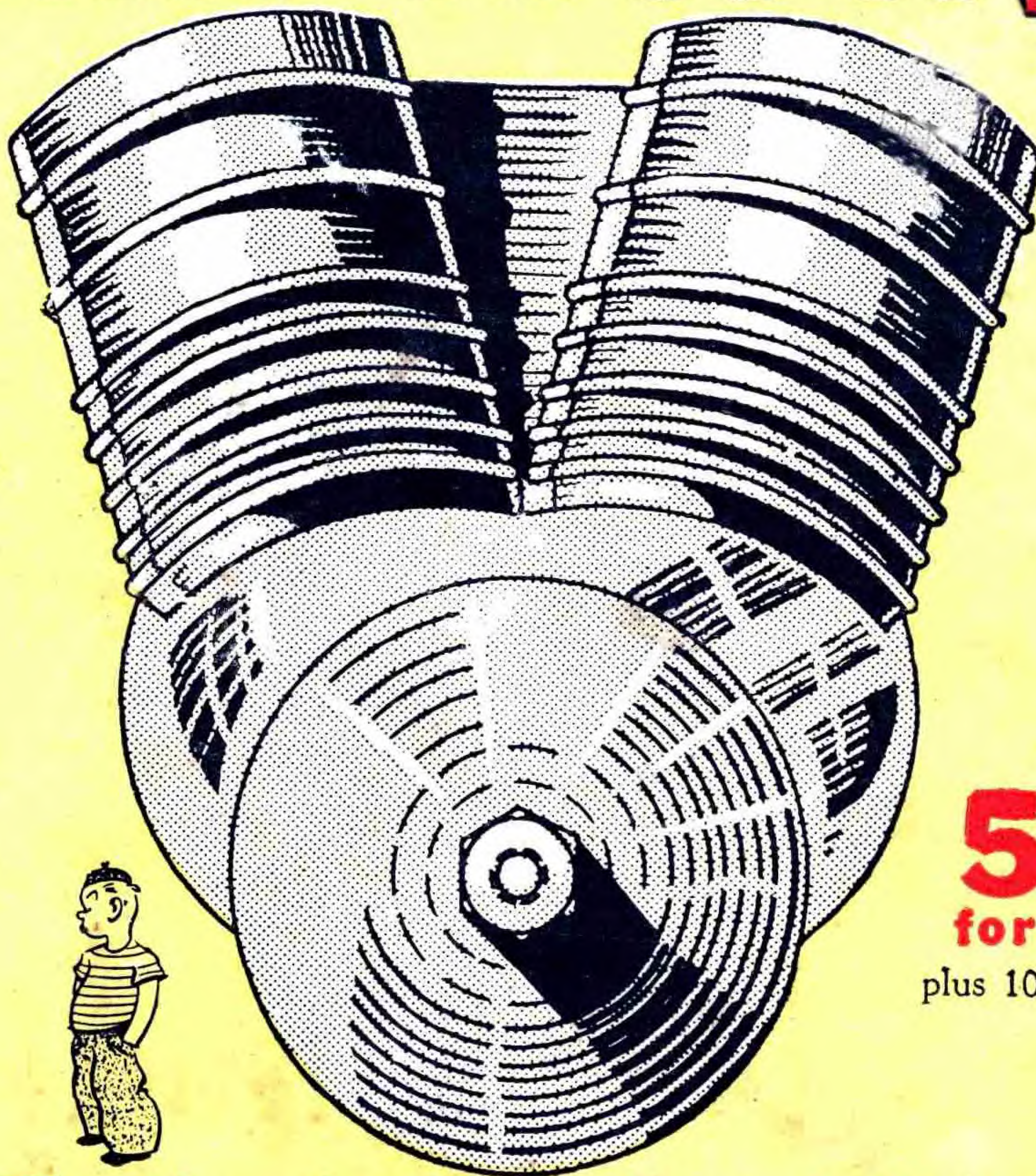
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